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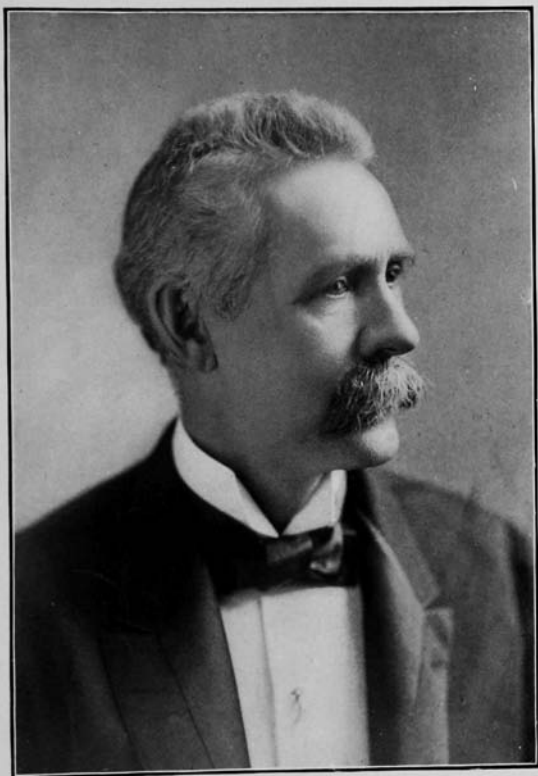
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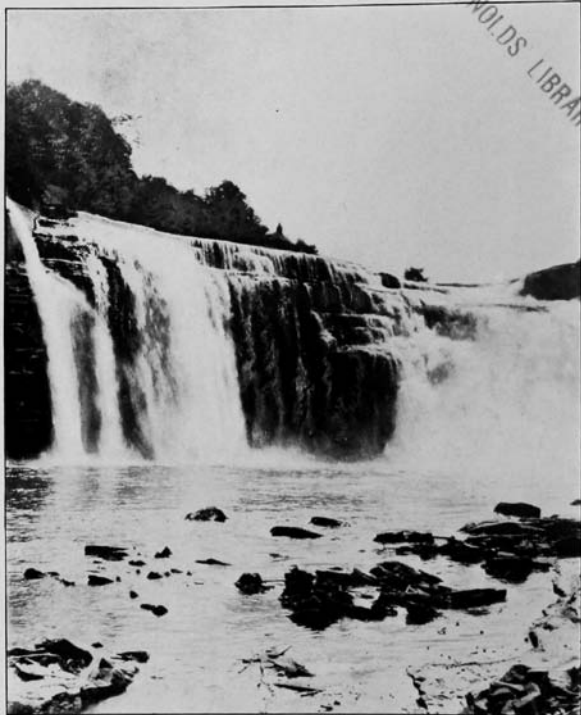
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Park Areas.

		ACRES.	ACRES.
Genesee Valley Park	- - - - -	355.48	
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Seneca Park	- - - - -	182.06	
	River	29.00	
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Maplewood Park	- - - - -	112.95	
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Highland Park	- - - - -	-	54.69
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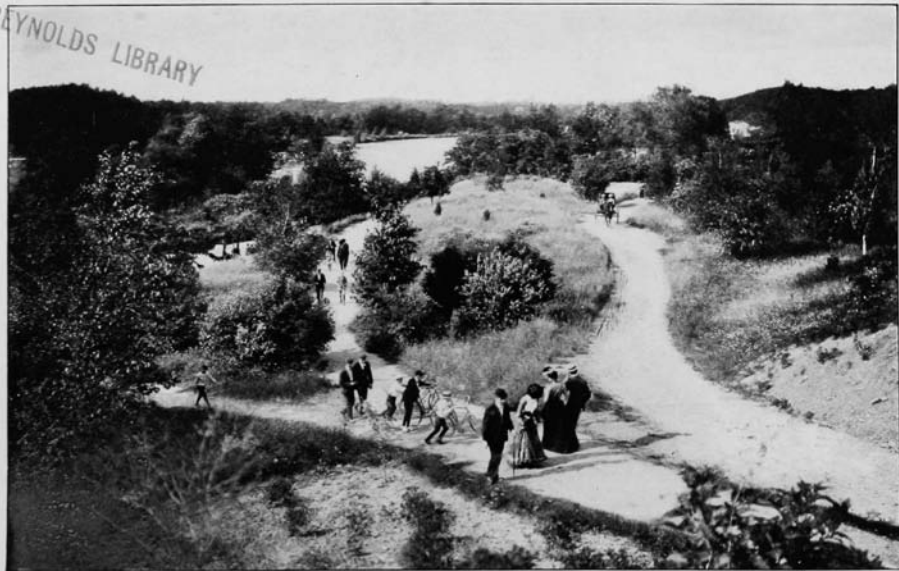
SMALL PARKS.

Jones Park	- - - - -	6.72	
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Sumner Park	- - - - -	.57	
Evergreen Park	- - - - -	.38	
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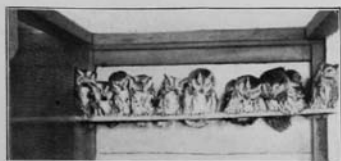
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SENECA PARK, LOOKING NORTH.

The Peculiar Features and Development of Our Public Pleasure Grounds.



THE public park system of Rochester is still young ; but during the sixteen years since the first land was secured and improvements begun, our citizens have been steadily coming to a full

appreciation of the true value of their public pleasure grounds.

As in other cities, we have learned that our parks have functions to perform that are distinct and peculiar to themselves, and that these great public reservations have been set aside forever because the general public welfare has demanded them.

Our system of parks is unique ; the three large rural parks offer a most striking variety of natural scenery, the beauty of which has been enhanced by professional skill and intelligent development.

Genesee Valley Park, with its wide and undulating meadows shut in by thick plantings which skillfully conceal the boundary limits ; the broad and quiet river in perfect harmony with the long stretch of meadows through which it flows ; the native forest which helps frame the beautiful picture—all combine to create a charming pastoral park. It is what its designers intended it to be—a restful place.

In Seneca Park, bordering on the remarkable river gorge for more than two miles, the strikingly picturesque scenery is the predominant feature. Magnificent views of the deep canyon with its heavily wooded banks are obtained at every point and turn in the river.

The little lake, in its setting of forest trees and shrubs, is always charming, and the winding paths follow the high banks of the river and lead one into the dense woods to quiet nooks entirely hidden from the more crowded parts of the park.

From Maplewood Park on the west side of the gorge the river views are as fine as those obtained in Seneca Park ; the great oaks

and maples, and chestnuts in the grove are perhaps the finest specimens within the limits of the city.

Highland Park is on a commanding range of hills, and its scenic character is one of its strong and unique features.

Comprehensive views of hills many miles to the south and east, with intervening stretches of quiet farm lands and detached pieces of native forest growths are obtained from many places in the park ; the outlooks toward the north from the highest points in the park are also pleasing, as they take in nearly the whole area of the city ; on clear days Lake Ontario can be seen ten miles to the north.

The collection of shrubs contains more than twelve hundred species and varieties ; in the pinetum on the hillsides there are one hundred and fifty species of coniferous evergreens.

A distinguished European horticulturist visited Highland Park some years ago and said of it, " In the course of a few years you will have a pinetum which will be, perhaps, second to none.

" This park will stand apart from any other in the United States ; the possibilities are all there. It is more like a botanic garden than a park, differing only in its arrangement."

The public parks of Rochester are now well established. The proper sites were chosen, skilled landscape architects availed themselves of the wonderful natural advantages of these sites and preserved and enhanced all that nature had so lavishly done for them ; the work of improvement along prescribed lines has been carried on economically and intelligently.

The Board of Park Commissioners know that the people are ready to co-operate with them in providing the necessary means with which to enlarge the scope of improvement and embellishment throughout our whole park system, and that our citizens have come to have a strong personal and civic pride in our public pleasure grounds. Nothing possessed by the municipality is so especially owned and occupied by the people as the parks.



THE FLOCK, GENESEE VALLEY PARK.



RIVER GORGE, SENECA PARK.

The Rochester Park System.

DURING the years from 1883 until May 29, 1888, many resolutions were offered in the Common Council in regard to accepting the proposed gift from Ellwanger & Barry of land for park purposes.

On May 29, 1888, the Common Council accepted the gift of Ellwanger & Barry of 19.63 acres of land north of Reservoir avenue, and east of South avenue, and turned it over to the Park Board for improvement.

The law organizing the Park Commission was passed by the legislature of this state, April 27, 1888, and it declared the following named men to be the Board of Park Commissioners:

WILLIAM C. BARRY,	JOHN GREENWOOD,
JAMES H. BROWN,	HENRY F. HUNTINGTON,
JOHN E. DURAND,	WILLIAM S. KIMBALL,
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JAMES W. GILLIS,	HIRAM W. SIBLEY,
JAMES S. GRAHAM,	ALFRED WRIGHT,

HENRY BARTHOLOMAY,

all of whom took the oath of qualification except Henry Bartholomay, and Richard Curran took his place.



RED CREEK IN GENESEE VALLEY PARK.



RED SANDSTONE LEDGE, MAPLEWOOD PARK.

The first meeting of the Park Commission was held on May 7, 1888, and Dr. E. M. Moore, Sr., was elected president, and Henry F. Huntington, treasurer, W. F. Peck, not a member of the Board, was elected secretary. The first survey was made a few days after by the large executive committee.

On June 25, 1888, C. C. Laney was appointed surveyor, and on June 27th, the Board, on invitation of the Park Commission of Buffalo, made a trip to that city, and formally inspected the parks there under the guidance of the Buffalo Park Board and their super-



GORGE OF THE LOWER GENESEE.

intendent. * The advice of the Buffalo Park Board was sought and freely given, and has been of great benefit in the procedures of the Rochester Park Commission. Their advice was, "First select your landscape architect and abide by his judgment in the selection of the sites for your parks ; also purchase all the land needed at once, and do not appreciate values that you may be obliged to pay for in the future."

* Accordingly, Frederick Law Olmsted of Boston was invited to visit Rochester and advise the Park Commission in regard to what lands to buy for parks. Calvert Vaux, who had been associated with Mr. Olmsted in designing plans for Central Park, New York, and his partner, Samuel Parsons, Jr , superintendent of Central Park, New York, H. W. S. Cleveland, the designer of the parks of Minneapolis, Wm. S. Edgerton, superintendent of parks in Albany, and William Webster of Rochester, were consulted in regard to the location of land for parks.

All these experts made written reports, except F. L. Olmsted, who made a verbal report to the Park Commission. These reports in full may be seen in the proceedings of the Common Council for 1888 and 1889, commencing at page 465.



LILACS, HIGHLAND PARK.

The bonds of the City of Rochester, bearing interest at three per cent. per annum, were sold at par to the Dime Savings Bank of Brooklyn, New York.

On July 10, 1888, the Common Council voted \$5,115.86 for maintenance fund.

Following advice of landscape architects, the Park Commission declared their intention to purchase several farms in Brighton, and small parcels of land in Chili for parks, and this created great excitement among some of the citizens. A mass meeting was held in the City Hall to denounce the proposition of the Park Board to buy the land. George Raines and other citizens spoke in favor of the proposal of the Park Board, and no action was taken at the meeting.

On November 27th, Alderman Kelly introduced a resolution that the Common Council appoint three members to confer with the Park Board in relation to the location of public parks and report the result of their conference at the next meeting of the Council. Ald. Wm. H. Tracy, president of the Council, appointed Ald. Kelly, Sullivan and Schroth.



TROUT LAKE, SENECA PARK.



GENESEE VALLEY PARK, RIVER VIEW FROM BRIDGE.



MEADOW, GENESEE VALLEY PARK.

On December 11th, Ald. Kelly, chairman of this select committee, stated that the Park Commissioners had prepared a communication which Park Commissioner George H. Newell would present to the Board. The report in full, occupying a full page of the proceedings of the Common Council, may be found on page 309 for the years 1888-1889. It gave a detailed statement of the work done by the Park Board up to that date, and the reasons for every step.

At the same meeting of the Common Council, the resolution of Ald. Sullivan made on November 27th, that certain lands in Brighton (near the eastern part of Genesee Valley Park) be taken by the City of Rochester for park purposes, caused an extended discussion of the subject of the purchase of lands for parks, and the resolution was laid on the table.

On January 8, 1889, the report of the Park Commissioners dated December 31, 1888, gave a detailed statement of the lands bought and contracted for. The amount paid for land up to that date was \$16,651.25, and the acreage was 35.39.

At the same meeting Ald. Kohlmetz moved that the senators and the members of assembly for this district be requested to urge



RHODODENDRONS, HIGHLAND PARK.



BUELL AVENUE, MAPLEWOOD PARK.

the passage by the legislature of an act repealing the park commission law. The resolution was lost. The Park Commissioners had petitioned to the legislature to have the provision of the park act limiting the purchase of land for park purposes to 500 acres, repealed, whereas, at a meeting of the Common Council held on January 22, 1889, Ald. Selye submitted a resolution that our representatives at Albany be requested not to advocate any amendment to the park law unless ratified by the representatives of the people in this council assembled, or until such amendment be ratified at the polls. This resolution was adopted. On March 19th, a similar resolution was introduced by Ald. Kohlmetz, and was adopted.

During the summer of 1889 the opposition to the purchase of land by the Park Commission subsided, for on October 29th, a resolution offered by Ald. Thayer, declaring that it was the intention to take a piece of land on the present site of Genesee Valley Park, passed the Common Council.

At the close of the fiscal year, February 28th, 1889, land had been bought on the upper and lower river for \$83,519.95. During the year surveys were made of various proposed lines for boulevards,



RIVER VIEW, MAPLEWOOD PARK.

and maps were made of tracts of land proposed for parks. The topographical survey was made of the lands that now comprise Genesee Valley Park, and the map was sent to the landscape architect at Boston.

The survey of Highland Park was started early in the spring. On April 18, 1889, the work of improving Genesee Valley Park began, and on April 22, the work of clearing the land at Seneca Park East began.

During the summer of 1889, the meadows at Genesee Valley Park were prepared for seeding and the picnic grove thinned, and the land for the small forest plantation along the Erie railroad and the Westfall road, was prepared. Fourteen thousand linear feet of roads were graded, and 44,231 feet of drain tile were laid. An arch culvert of five feet span was built across the small stream near the refectory.

Sixty-two thousand five hundred small trees were planted in the forest plantation along the Erie railroad and the Westfall road. Ten thousand, five hundred shrubs and ten thousand willows were



GRASS WALKS, HIGHLAND PARK.

planted along the forest plantation and along the river bank. The trees were small, not exceeding three feet in height. In addition to the small trees, over 200 trees from 7 to 12 feet in height, were planted along the drives and river banks. Three thousand, one hundred cubic yards of gravel were hauled on the park roads.

At the meeting of the Common Council April 1, 1890, a resolution was offered by Ald. Judson and adopted recommending that the boundaries of the city be extended to take in the land purchased in Brighton, Chili, Greece and Irondequoit, and on April 3rd, the resolution recommending to the legislature the passage of the act was adopted.

At the close of the fiscal year, February 28, 1890, 399.42 acres of land had been bought and paid for at a cost of \$142,027.17, and an average price per acre of about \$355.00. Some of the pieces of land were building lots and cost from \$400 to \$1,700, and one lot with a house cost \$6,212.00. The lowest price paid for farming land with house, barn, two orchards and a grove was \$200 per acre.

During the year \$15,667.61 was expended for general purposes of maintenance—an average of \$39.00 per acre.



LILY POND, SENECA PARK.

The total number of acres purchased by the Park Commission for park purposes to March 1, 1891, was as follows :

Seneca Park,	-	-	-	-	-	-	157.71
Highland Park,	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.08
Genesee Valley Park,	-	-	-	-	-	-	269.17
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	440.96

During the year 1891 no land was purchased for Genesee Valley Park. From Ellwanger & Barry 14.08 acres were purchased for Highland park, and 27.46 acres were purchased for Seneca Park, which, in addition to the 399.42 acres owned in 1890, make a total acreage purchased of 440.96. To this must be added 39.44 acres of the reservoir property turned over to the Park Board for maintenance, and the Ellwanger and Barry gift of 19.63 acres, making a total of 500.03 acres of land to maintain. The total amount paid for all the land purchased at that time was \$187,216.33. There was spent on the 500 acres \$28,895.46 for maintenance ; an average of \$57.79 per acre.

On December 16, 1890, the resolution of Ald. McMillan that 18 $\frac{9}{10}$ acres of land south of Highland avenue be turned over to the Park Board, passed the Common Council.

On February 10, 1891, a resolution was introduced in the Common Council recommending the enactment of a boulevard law, and it was passed March 10, 1891, and the boulevard act passed the legislature during the year.

On January 26, 1892, an act to amend the Park law in regard to the purchase of land was introduced in the Common Council.

During the year 1891, \$11,717.92 was expended from the maintenance fund for the care of the Parks.

During the year from March 1, 1890, to March 1, 1891, no improvements were made in Seneca Park except to establish a small nursery of native trees and shrubs.

At Highland Park roads and walks were partly graded and a circular bank 200 feet in diameter, a site for the children's pavilion with a space for a road and walk around it, was graded.

In April 1890, 493 deciduous and 1,280 evergreen trees were planted in Genesee Valley Park, and in the fall 152 deciduous trees and many shrubs were planted in that park ; temporary bridges were placed across Red creek.



GENESEE VALLEY PARK.

March 1, 1891, to March 1, 1892.

On January 13, 1891, Ald. Kelly offered a resolution that the name of Driving Park avenue bridge be changed to Seneca Park bridge, which was adopted.

SENECA PARK—During the year from March 1, 1891 to March 1, 1892, trees were thinned, plans were received for the permanent driveways from the landscape architects, and the roads were partly graded. Trees that stood in the line of the permanent driveways were transplanted to the nursery. A large number of native shrubs and trees were collected and planted in the nursery, and many shrubs were collected for Highland and Genesee Valley Parks.

HIGHLAND PARK—The pavilion was built and presented to the children of Rochester by Messrs. Ellwanger & Barry. On September 29, 1891, the pavilion was dedicated, thousands of children gathering to take part in the dedicatory exercises. In November 25,000 small trees and shrubs were planted on the southern slope. The shrubs in the arboretum were cultivated, and the roads were partly graded and graveled; a few trees were planted, and the foreman's house was repaired and painted. Mr. John Dunbar took charge of the Park in April.

GENESEE VALLEY PARK—During the spring and fall 391 trees from four to ten feet in height were planted on the meadows and along the drives and were designed for fine specimen trees

growing in open space, and many trees and shrubs were planted along the west bank of the river to conceal the railroad and other objectionable things. Many willows and cornels taken from the Park nurseries were planted on the river banks to prevent washing. The unseeded portions of the Park were sowed to grass seed. A base ball ground was made on the west side of the river and north of Elmwood avenue. Arbor day was celebrated by the school children in planting memorial trees which were dedicated to the Genesee Valley Forestry Association, the Chamber of Commerce, and Superintendent of Schools, S. A. Ellis. Fifty park seats were purchased; 5,597 lineal feet of drain tile were laid on the east side of Genesee Valley Park for the purpose of draining wet land. On the west side of the river the grove was cleared of dead trees and shrubs.

On July 26th, 1892, Secretary Arthur R. Selden presented to the Common Council the resolutions of the park board in regard to the proposed boulevard from Lake avenue to the Charlotte branch of the New York Central railroad, and on August 13, the committee on "Opening and Alteration of Streets," reported favorably on the communication. On August 30th, the first ordinance was passed and the final ordinance was passed on September 6th.

On February 7th, 1893, the following resolution offered by Ald. James Johnston was adopted:

"Resolved, That the application of the Board of Park Commissioners to have the fees of commissioners in condemnation proceedings reduced from \$10 to \$5 per day be recommended, and the application of the park commissioners to have the limit of appropriations for the maintenance and improvement of the parks increased from \$20,000 to \$40,000 be denied."



LAKE, SENECA PARK.



CHILDREN'S PAVILION, HIGHLAND PARK.

March 1, 1892, to March 1, 1893.

During the year from March 1, 1892, to March 1, 1893, the Warrant property, containing 7.55 acres of land, was condemned for park purposes, and the commission awarded \$11,000 for it.

HIGHLAND PARK—From the Stanley estate 2.58 acres of land were purchased for \$2,900, making the total number of acres purchased for Highland Park 16.66. The 19.63 acres given by Ellwanger & Barry, and 39.44 turned over to the Park Commission by the Water Works Department, make a total of 75.73 acres for park purposes in Highland Park.

SENECA PARK—No land was acquired for Seneca Park during the year. A few men and teams were employed early in the summer grading the permanent roadways and in excavating for the small lake. During the latter part of the summer all the force was withdrawn on account of lack of funds.

HIGHLAND PARK—A small force was kept at work during the whole summer caring for the shrubs in the shrub collection and grading walks at Highland Park. A large number of shrubs were

imported from England, France and Germany and a choice collection of all the species and varieties raised by Ellwanger & Barry were presented to the Park Commission by that firm. They also presented a large number of tulip and hyacinth bulbs.

GENESEE VALLEY PARK—At Genesee Valley Park a few trees were planted. About 10,000 trees and shrubs were purchased to plant on the west side of the river, but as the land could not be plowed in time to plant them, they were placed in nursery rows. Seven thousand trees and shrubs were purchased to plant on the river bank and in the forest and upon spaces on the east side of the river. The Rochester Athletic Club built a fine club house on the west bank of the river at their own expense. The Canoe Club house formerly located on the west bank of the river near the entrance to Genesee Valley Park, was removed to a lot just north of Elmwood avenue bridge, and then sold to the Genesee Canoe Club for \$750. The athletic grounds on the west side of the river were graded, and a one-third of a mile track laid out. A picket fence was built around the track and cinders and gravel were drawn during the fall and winter to put on the track. Fifty additional seats were put into the park. The Rochester Railway Co. extended the Plymouth avenue car line to the entrance of the park in the fall and large numbers of people visited the park.

The total number of acres purchased and given for park purposes to date, March 1, 1893, were 572.53.

In October 1892, the contract was let for the sewers and grading of the Seneca Parkway, and the sewers were built during the winter and the grading nearly finished.



BALL GROUNDS, GENESEE VALLEY PARK.



CANOEING, GENESEE VALLEY PARK.

March 1, 1893, to March 1, 1894.

About 14.84 acres of land were bought of the Hiram Sibley estate on North St. Paul street and three acres from the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg railroad. A quit claim deed of all the land (about 15.5 acres) belonging to the Sibley estate lying between the top of the high bank of the river and the water's edge was given to the park commission.

On April 18, 1893, Mayor Richard Curran, formerly a park commissioner, nominated the following named gentlemen as park commissioners for five years from May 1, 1893:

WILLIAM C. BARRY,	MATHIAS KONDOLF,
JAMES H. BROWN,	BERNARD J. MCQUAID,
JOSEPH CAUFFMAN,	EDWARD M. MOORE,
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JAMES S. GRAHAM,	SIMON STERN,
HALBERT S. GREENLEAF,	ALFRED G. WRIGHT,
HENRY F. HUNTINGTON,	CHARLES H. WRIGHT,
WILLIAM S. KIMBALL,	FRANK W. ELWOOD,
CHARLES LITTLE,	HENRY C. MAINE,
	ANSON C. ALLEN.

The nominations were unanimously confirmed by the Common Council.

SENECA PARK—At Seneca Park the principal work was the excavation for the miniature lake containing three acres and the grading of the road, which forms the embankment at the foot of the lake.

SENECA PARK WEST—At Seneca Park West the grading of the two roads was done from Riverside avenue northerly to the junction of the two roads near the north end of the park, and the grading of a single road from the junction of the two roads northerly to the road that leads to Hanford's Landing. Paine street, an entrance to Seneca Park on the west, was graded from Lake avenue 650 feet easterly to the park lands and the spaces on each side of the two driveways were fertilized, sowed to grass seed and planted with four rows of American elms forty-two feet apart at right angles to the street and fifty feet apart on the line of the street.

HIGHLAND PARK—At Highland Park the children's pavilion was re-varnished with spar composition. A small force was kept at work during the summer grading walks, sodding banks and caring for the flowers and shrubs in the shrub collection.

GENESEE VALLEY PARK—At Genesee Valley Park a few trees and shrubs were taken from the over-crowded forest and nursery on the east side, and were planted on the west side of the river to conceal the Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad: five wells were dug on the park, two in the picnic grove, one in the large meadow west of Red creek, one at the sheep sheds, and one on the athletic grounds. All the houses and barns that were not required were torn down, and a new tool house was built near the foreman's house. William H. Jesserer built at his own expense at a cost of \$1,800.00 a building known as the refectory in the picnic grove. In consideration of the exclusive privilege of selling refreshments for three years, he agreed to transfer the building to the Park Commission at the expiration of his lease. During the summer the refectory was open to the public and refreshments were sold, but the building was not large enough. At the close of the season, in consideration of enlarging the building at a cost of about \$700, Mr. Jesserer surrendered his old lease and was given a new one for

three years from February 13, 1894, and the additional privilege of erecting, running and maintaining a merry-go-round in the park.

* The Rochester Railway Company was permitted to lay the tracks of the railroad through the park lands from the state dam southerly along the line of the Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad, and the north side of Elmwood avenue to the Elmwood avenue bridge. For this privilege the Rochester Railway Company agreed to run every car on the route mentioned from April 15th, to November 1st, and from November 1st, to April 15th, each year as the demands of the public shall require, the fare to be five cents and the agreement to extend ten years. With the extension of the car line to Elmwood avenue bridge, large numbers of persons visited the parks; and the ball grounds, athletic grounds and the picnic groves were in great demand during the pleasant weather. Wm. V. Long was permitted to rent boats to the public at a boat house on the west side of the river a few rods north of Elmwood avenue bridge. No charge was made for this privilege, but the rates of hire were regulated by the Genesee Valley Park Committee.

At the request of the Common Council the work of planting Washington and Plymouth squares was done by the employees of the Park Board at the expense of the city, paid by an appropriation made for that purpose by the Common Council.

The designs for the improvement of the squares and the parks were made by Messrs. Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot of Boston.

One thousand dollars was voted by the Common Council to enable the Park Commission to employ policemen to protect the parks during the summer. The Protective Police and Fire Patrol Co furnished policemen at \$50.00 per month, and \$2.00 per day for extra men.

In January, at the request of the Common Council, a bill was introduced into the legislature to authorize the Common Council to vote the sum of \$10,000.00 for the immediate use of the Park Commission to erect needed buildings at the parks and to employ mechanics and laborers out of employment who should request to be put to work.

At a meeting of the Park Commissioners on January 29, 1894, it was decided to commence the erection of sheep sheds and a gymnasium at Genesee Valley Park, an administration building at

Highland Park and a shelter at Seneca Park. Work was begun at once, and on February 28th, almost \$2,300 had been paid to laborers, masons, carpenters and teamsters at the three parks.

March 1, 1894, to March 1, 1895.



Mr. John Dunbar was appointed assistant superintendent of parks on Jan. 1, 1895. From March 1, 1894, the work on the sheep sheds, the athletic building and the administration building at Highland Park, and the shelter at Seneca Park was continued until the completion of the buildings, except the plumbing. On June 9th, \$8,204.23 had been paid for labor on the buildings.

The white house on the Baker farm was moved to the Westfall road just west of the sheep sheds so that the house could be occupied by the shepherd, and the small house and barn on the Warrant property were moved to the east side of the park south of the foreman's house.* The upper floor of the athletic building was used for a shelter and refectory, and the lower story for bathing and dressing rooms for men who exercise on the athletic track.

* The right to sell refreshments in the athletic building was let to W. H. Jesserer, and at Highland Park the upper part of the administration building was let to sell refreshments to Mrs. Jacob Young, and at the shelter in Seneca Park the Rochester Bottling Company sold refreshments.

* The park road, extending from the south end of Plymouth avenue to Elmwood avenue, was covered with brick and stone taken from the old Court House. An arrangement was made with the contractors of the Court House whereby the contractors paid to the Park Commission a price per load for drawing away the old material. As the old material made a good foundation for light driving, and was furnished at a less price than any other material



GREAT MEADOW, GENESEE VALLEY PARK.

could have been furnished, the arrangement was advantageous to the Park Commission, as well as to the contractors. After the foundation of stone and brick was made, gravel was drawn on the road to cover the foundation. Belts of trees were planted along the railroad on the west side of the river in addition to those planted the year before.

At Seneca Park belts of trees were planted on the east side to conceal the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Railroad, which skirts the park the whole length of it. The line of this railroad at Seneca Park was changed from the old line along the top of the river bank and located to the east 250 feet. The line of St. Paul street from the Ridge Road northerly several hundred feet was changed to the east to admit of a park drive and walk along the top of the high bank of the river and the new line of St. Paul street was improved at the expense of the estate of Hiram Sibley, The Irondequoit Boulevard Co., and the Park Commission, each paying one-third (\$350.00) of the cost.

HIGHLAND PARK—At Highland Park, Goodman street was extended to Highland avenue at no expense to the Park Commission. The water mains of the new conduit were laid through the southeasterly corner of the park to the reservoir, and two pipes were laid across the park, one westerly from the new water gate, and the other northerly to Meigs street. All the work was done with as little damage as possible, but it caused a great deal of extra work to the park employees.

* The small city parks and Seneca Parkway were turned over to the care of the Park Commissioners by resolution of the Common Council, which passed that body October 17, 1893, to take effect March 1st, 1894. All the tools used in the care of the small parks were turned over to the Park Commission. M. O. Stone was appointed foreman of the city parks on April 7, 1894.

The Common Council directed the city treasurer to transfer to the Park Commission \$1,800.00 for the park police fund. At the same meeting the Common Council adopted the resolution permitting the Park Board to construct a five-foot cement walk at the north side of Seneca Parkway from the sidewalk on the west side of Lake avenue, to the east line of the new boulevard, so called. The expense was estimated at \$1,530, seventy-five per cent. of the cost to be assessed on the lots on the north side of the parkway, and



TULIPS, HIGHLAND PARK.

twenty-five per cent. from the boulevard fund of the city of Rochester. The contract was let and completed for \$1,350, and the assessment to be taken from the boulevard fund was \$338.25.

Eight policemen were employed in the parks during the year. Although the state legislature passed a law giving power to the Park Commission to care for the street trees, when a number of residents wished some trees cut down and petitioned to the Park Board to order the work done, other residents of the same street applied to one of the justices of the Supreme Court for an injunction, which was granted restraining the Park Commission from cutting the trees. Application was made to Justice Yeomans to vacate the injunction, but he refused to do so, giving his opinion that it was unlawful to cut trees in front of a person's property without his consent when his title was clear to the center of the street. The street trees were trimmed and pruned generally with the consent of the property owners.

Band concerts were inaugurated in Genesee Valley Park by the Rochester *Herald*, which gave eight concerts in that park on Sundays during the summer of 1894.

March 1, 1895, to December 16, 1895.



A law was passed in the state legislature requiring all departments of the city government to report to the Common Council on the last Thursday of December of each year, and this year's report will include the work done from March 1, 1895, to December 16, 1895.

On February 25th, 1895, Mr. Arthur R. Selden having resigned the office of secretary of the Park Board, Mr. M. O. Stone was appointed in his place.

The roads planned for Seneca Park on the east side north of the entrance were graded and graveled with material taken from a pit in the park.

The walks from the end of the street car line were graded along the top of the high bank through the second grove. The belt of trees along the line of the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg railroad was extended the whole length of the park and the shores of the lake were planted with trees and shrubbery. A nursery was established in Seneca Park for the purpose of raising trees and shrubs collected either in the park or in the woods outside of the park. The road on the westerly boundary of Seneca Park West was planted with white ash trees taken from the over-crowded small forest plantation at Genesee Valley Park. A number of scarlet oaks, taken from the nursery and bur oaks from our nursery at Highland Park, were planted in Seneca Park East. The privilege to sell refreshments at the shelter was let to Mrs. F. L. Gates for a nominal sum.

The street cars ran to the crossing of the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg railroad during the summer.

At Highland Park the unsightly gravel banks on the north side were graded and planted with willows. The road north of the children's pavilion was graded and a tile sewer connecting the administration building with the Goodman street sewer was laid. The plumbing of the administration building was done, connections with the conduit having been made to supply the building with water. An exchange of about nine acres of the eighteen acres of

land south of Highland avenue, owned by the city, for nine acres owned by Ellwanger & Barry north of Elmwood avenue was made. By this exchange a strip of land 435 feet wide extending from Highland avenue to Elmwood avenue is owned by the city.

At Genesee Valley Park the bicycle track on the athletic grounds was improved by elevating the track on the course and covering it with cinders and clay. A one-quarter mile running track for men was made inside the one-third mile track. A speedway forty feet wide and three-fifths of a mile in length was graded on the meadow west of Red creek. The planting of the belt of trees along the east line of the Western New York and Pennsylvania railroad was extended as far south as the Rochester Fertilizer works.

The plumbing for the Athletic building at Elmwood avenue bridge was completed. The city parks, Seneca Parkway, and the street trees were cared for by a small force of men under a foreman. Trees were trimmed, and dead and unsightly trees and stumps were taken from nearly all the principal streets in the city, and 387 trees were cut down. At the request of the Executive Board, and City Engineer, planting was done at Nos. *3 and 32 schools, and at Wadsworth and Franklin squares. Sixteen park policemen, appointed by the Park Commissioners, were employed during the summer season. * The Rock Asphalt Pavement Co. laid asphalt walks in Genesee Valley Park worth \$225 free of charge.

January 1st, 1896, to December 31st, 1896.



On January 26th, 1896, 24.94 acres of land bounded on the north by Elmwood avenue, on the east by the blue line of the Genesee Valley canal, on the south and west by the center line of Genesee street, were bought for the sum of \$32,500 from A. E. Frost and wife. They also gave a quit claim deed to all the land formerly occupied by the Western New York and

Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and situated between Elmwood avenue on the north and Genesee street on the south.

On January 28, 1896, Mrs. Julian Adlington, for a consideration of \$5,000, deeded a strip of land containing 5.148 acres to the city of Rochester; one strip 200 feet in width, along the north line of Elmwood avenue extending from the east line of the Wolcott road to the westerly line of the New York, Lake Erie and Western railroad; another strip extending from the north line of Elmwood avenue northerly about 1915 feet to the south line of James E. Wolcott's land, and bounded on the east by a line parallel and 35 feet westerly from the east line of the Wolcott road, and on the west by the Genesee river.

On August 6, 1896, James E. Wolcott and wife deeded a strip of land containing .29 acres bounded on the north by lands owned by the state at the entrance to the feeder of the canal, on the east by a line parallel with, and 35 feet westerly from the east line of the Wolcott road; on the south by lands owned by the city of Rochester, and on the west by the Genesee river. The river frontage is 250 feet, and the price of the land was \$250.

In the matter of acquiring the land known as the "Baker property," the Park Commissioners could not agree in price with the owner of the land, B. M. Baker, and application was made to the court for the appointment of Commissioners of Appraisal, and the commissioners awarded \$2,600 for the 12.147 acres of land. The judgment was filed with the County Clerk, and confirmed by the Supreme Court.

On November 21st, 1896, a piece of the farm of the estate of M. F. Reynolds, containing 3.354 acres of land, was bought for \$1,500. The land is situated on the Westfall road southwest of the shepherd's house at Genesee Valley Park.

• **SENECA PARK**—At Seneca Park on the east, an ice-house was built and filled with ice for the use of park visitors. In consideration of paying \$50 to the Park Commissioners, and furnishing ice and water free to park visitors, Mrs. F. L. Gates was granted the privilege of selling refreshments at the shelter. A tool house 60 x 26 with a loft for storing hay was built in the south grove at Seneca Park. A reservoir 16 feet in diameter and 7 feet deep for holding water to supply the sprinkling carts was built on the side-hill 200 feet north of the refectory.

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WINTER SCENE, TROUT LAKE, SENECA PARK.

A large number of trees and shrubs were planted on the border of the lake, and along the driveway from the entrance to the park to the south grove. Additional planting was made to the border plantation and to the park nursery. The roads and walks were improved by additional grading, and the roads by covering them with gravel. * A street sprinkler was purchased, and the roads sprinkled during dry weather.

• At Seneca Park on the west an old quarry was filled in and the roads graveled from Lake avenue to the road that leads to Hanford's Landing. A ball ground was graded, and the picnic grove cleaned up for use. A well was drilled for supplying drinking water to park visitors, and a tent was erected during the early summer for shelter from storms.

HIGHLAND PARK—At Highland Park, a great deal of planting was done. The greater part of the trees designed for the pinetum were planted. With the exception of a few rare specimens, the shrub collection was completed. A road 2,000 feet in length from Highland avenue to Elmwood avenue, through lands controlled by the park commissioners, was graded and graveled. The refreshment rooms in the administration building were leased to Mrs. Jacob Young for a nominal sum.* Many herbaceous plants and wild flowers were planted in informal groups among the shrubs in the shrub collection to give color and life when the shrubs are not in bloom.

GENESEE VALLEY PARK—At Genesee Valley Park additional planting was done on the west side of the river to complete the planting plan. The strip of land purchased from Mrs. Adlington was improved by planting trees on it. An addition to the refectory building was made and a room called the women's room, for the special accommodation of women and children, was built, and a furnace put into it. * A bicycle path a mile and one half in length was built on the west side of the river from the entrance to the athletic grounds to the south end of the park. • This path leads to Scottsville and is used by thousands of persons. A motor and pump to supply water for the athletic building was put into a small brick house built especially for them close to the athletic building.

The Rochester Fertilizer Works removed their plant to another location outside of the city, and desisted from polluting the park lands by the refuse from their operations, and the suit against them was discontinued.



PINETUM, HIGHLAND PARK.

The privilege to let boats to the public from a boat house on the west side of the river below Elmwood avenue bridge was relet to W. V. Long for a nominal sum. The rates for the use of boats were established by the park commissioners, and were made as low as possible. * A doe of the Virginia white tailed deer, and a pair of wapiti, or American elk, were purchased for the parks, and placed in a wire enclosure at Genesee Valley Park.

The city parks, Seneca parkway, and the street trees were cared for as well as possible with the small appropriation (\$2,500) made for that purpose. Trees were trimmed on 53 of the principal streets, 83 dead trees on streets were cut down. Many trees in Jones square were cut down as they were crowding other trees. Complaint from various parts of the city was made of the destruction of the leaves by the larvæ of the tussock moth. The cocoons and egg masses were found on the trunks and limbs of trees in the winter, at which time they can be easily destroyed by picking them off and burning them.

The mayor of the city, George E. Warner, required the superintendent, the assistant superintendent, the park foreman, and the shepherd to take the civil service examination, and they all passed. New and more concise park ordinances prepared by the Law and Ordinances Committee, with the advice of corporation counsel, Adolph J. Rodenbeck, were passed by the Park Commissioners August 31st, 1896. The landscape architects, Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot commended these ordinances as the most concise and useful park ordinances in the country, and sample copies were solicited by the park officials of many parks from Boston to San Francisco.

*January 1st, 1897, to
January 1st, 1898.*

No land was bought during the year 1897. In the matter of acquiring the land known as "Baker property," to which reference was made during the report for 1896, the case was carried to the Appellate



Court, and the decision of the Supreme Court was reversed with costs to the Appellant.

* **SENECA PARK**—At Seneca Park on the east a bird house 32 x 12 feet and 9 feet high was built to accommodate the birds that had been collected for the aviary, and several small pens were made for other animals. The shelter was made habitable for the winter by putting in a partition dividing the large room into two parts, so that the smaller room might be kept warm. Considerable planting was done during the spring, but it was so dry in the fall that planting was deferred. Walks were graded, and manure was drawn during the whole season from the city yards.

HIGHLAND PARK—At Highland Park, the children's pavilion was covered with two coats of Crocketts' spar composition. Along the new road from Highland avenue to Elmwood avenue, about



RIVER VIEW, LOOKING NORTH, SENECA PARK.

1,000 trees and shrubs were planted. About 5,000 annuals and summer bedding plants, raised in hot-beds, were planted around the pavilion. The display of flowering shrubs and flowers was fine, and during the weeks in which there was an unusual display, as when the one hundred varieties of lilacs were in bloom, the attendance at the park was very large.

• The shrub collection at Highland Park during the year 1897 contained 52 families, 140 genera, and 1,100 species and varieties. Some of the shrubs are not quite hardy in this climate, and require protection by surrounding them with boxes, or covering them with branches or leaves in the winter.

• On July 10th, the Genesee Falls Band gave a concert at Highland Park, which was greatly enjoyed by a large number of visitors. The expense of the concert was borne by Messrs. Ellwanger & Barry, to whose generosity the citizens of Rochester are indebted for park lands, the children's pavilion, and many trees and shrubs and flowers.

* **GENESEE VALLEY PARK**—At Genesee Valley Park a bicycle path 4,400 feet long and 6 feet wide, was built on both sides of Red creek, giving access to the fine trees that line the banks of Red creek, and better access to the large meadows.* A bicycle path was extended to the beautiful river view that is obtained from the driveway near the grand old hickory tree called "General Jackson". The cinder path on the west side of the river, one and one-half mile in length, connecting with the Scottsville path, was repaired by drawing on cinders and rolling them. A large number of over-crowding young forest trees were transplanted on the park lands north of Elmwood avenue, and on the east side of the river. Two hundred trees were taken from the young forest and planted around the merry-go-round. Many trees in the old Frost nursery were transplanted so that they would not be spoiled by over-crowding. Some of the trees in the forest plantation, although only ten years from the seed, were 25 feet high.

The city parks were cared for as usual with a small force specially employed for that purpose. The demand was urgent for trimming and taking out dead, decrepit and over-crowding trees, but the funds were too small to do as much as was desired.

The trees on 49 streets were trimmed and 214 trees, dead and crowding, were cut down.

* Seneca Parkway showed improvement, as the elm trees were all growing. Several new houses were erected during the year. Gorsline's Park was extended into Seneca Park, and an entrance was made from Lake avenue through Gorsline's Park into Seneca Park west. The improvements in Lake View Park were not completed, as there still remained the manuring, seeding and shrub planting.

The small city parks were not policed as they were in 1896, as the appropriation was not large enough. Two bicycles were purchased for mounted policemen, and they greatly facilitated the work of patrolling the parks.

January 1st, 1898, to January 1st, 1899.



During the year 1898, lot 19 of Section "A" in the Carthage Tract, was bought from C. H. Wiltsie for \$400.00. Another piece of land north of the lake in Seneca Park, containing about 1-1/16 acres, was bought from the estate of Henry Preston, Sr.,

and Thomas J. Preston for \$500.00.

* SENECA PARK EAST—At Seneca Park East, the old Indian trail along the top of the high bank of the river from the lake northerly to the north end of the park was widened and graded, so that a good walk was made through the beautiful wooded part of the park. The small ravine was spanned with a rustic bridge. A bicycle path was also built from a point on the driveway opposite the gravel pit diverging to the easterly boundary of the park, thence northerly to the bottom of the hill below the ice house. The grade is easy both ways. Stairs leading from the knoll on which the shelter is located to the walk below were built. A few additions to the animal cages were made.



BICYCLE PATH, SENECA PARK.

Large numbers of trilliums, and other wild flowers and ferns were collected and planted in the park. A few evergreen trees were planted.

On July 18th, 1898, after fifty of the driest days known in the city since the establishment of the weather reports by the Government, the overflow of Trout Lake in Seneca Park was 103,792 gallons in twenty-four hours.

SENECA PARK WEST—At Seneca Park West, some work was done grubbing out trees and preparing about twelve acres of land for seeding. The land was sub-soiled and harrowed, and thickly manured to be ready for the grass seed in the spring.

HIGHLAND PARK—At Highland Park 600 loads of composted manure were hauled and spread on the grass and shrub beds. A large quantity of useless over-grown nursery stock was dug up and burned on the land owned by the city south of Highland avenue. This land was cleared and part of it sowed to grass seed.

A shelter was erected on the triangle at the corner of Reservoir avenue and South avenue in which to wait for the cars during rain storms, or the heat of the sun.

An addition was made to the administration building, a part of which is used for a refectory and for living rooms for the lessee of the refectory. Ninety-five varieties of coniferous evergreen trees were added to the pinetum, and the collection embraces 109 species and varieties.

The following are the names of the different genera : Pine 22, Spruce 17, Fir 10, Juniper 22, Arbor Vitae 16, Retinospora 6, Larch 4, Cypress 2, Sequoia 1, Yew 8, Libocedrus 1.

Twenty-five varieties of shrubs were added to the shrub collection during the year.

Twenty thousand annual, biennial and perennial flowering plants were raised and planted around the park. Eighteen thousand bulbs were planted during October and November.

There was a marked increase in the number of visitors to Highland Park during the summer, caused no doubt by the introduction of brilliantly colored flowering plants among the shrub collection. The shrubs as a collection are interesting to persons of scientific tastes, and to those engaged in the sale of nursery stock, but a greater number enjoy the beautiful flowering plants.

The largest number of visitors in one day (Sunday) was, by count, as nearly as could be made, about three thousand.

GENESEE VALLEY PARK—At Genesee Valley Park during the early part of the year the young forest bordering the park was thinned. The soft wood trees that were used as nurse trees were taken out, and the hard wood trees left for the permanent growth. Where hard wood trees were growing too closely, those not injured were transplanted to the nursery on the west side of the river known as the Frost property. The over-grown trees on the Frost property were dug out and burned. A border plantation was made on the sides adjacent to Genesee street and Elmwood avenue. A bicycle path was constructed on the border of the meadow lying east of Red creek.

The shepherd's house and the small house south of the horse barns were painted green. A bicycle shed and a shed for horses, each 100 feet long and 20 feet wide, were built in the forest east of the refectory.

The city parks and boulevards, which now include Seneca parkway, Lake View Park, Jones's Square, Brown's Square, Plymouth Park, Washington Square, Wadsworth Square, Sumner



RED CREEK, GENESEE VALLEY PARK.

Park, Franklin Square and Douglass Square, are now under the care of the park board. Lake View Park was turned over to the park board by resolution of the Common Council on May 14th, 1898, and on June 30th, the Common Council requested the park board to take charge of the strip of land owned by the city on St. Paul street nearly opposite Evergreen street.

Sumner Park was improved by plowing, harrowing, grading, manuring and seeding the land, and planting many shrubs, and a few trees. The trees on 103 streets were trimmed and 390 trees were cut down.

The cocoons and egg masses were gathered and burned on the trees and streets adjoining the city parks; also on Joiner, Nassau, Gorham and Chatham streets, where they were doing great damage eating the leaves of the horse chestnuts and basswoods.

The maple tree scale was destroyed on trees on Oxford street, and on part of Fulton avenue. A great deal of the scale was destroyed on the trees which were trimmed.

In accordance with the Park Commissioners Law (Sec. 24) a

copy of which may be found on page 84 of the Report of Park Commissioners for 1888 to 1889, 132 elm trees were planted on West avenue between Madison street and Lincoln Park.

Three new bicycles bought in addition to the two bought last year for the use of park policemen, and the wheel owned by the lieutenant, make six wheels on which park policemen rode. Four policemen patrolled the park on foot, four police were stationed at Genesee Valley Park, one at Highland, one on the city parks, and four at Seneca Park.

January 1st, 1899, to January 1st, 1900.



During the year 1899 two lots, 23 and 24 of the Carthage Tract, were bought from Charles H. Wiltsie and wife for \$900. Seven other pieces were bought from Herman S. Brewer and his wife, and Brewer and Wicks in the Carthage Tract for \$1,000.

SENECA PARK EAST—During January and February the lake in Seneca Park east was kept cleared of snow and about 2500 persons enjoyed the skating. The ice house was filled with excellent ice. Many trees that were growing too closely were cut from the north end of the park ; many of the heart-leaved willows, that are so unsightly, were cut out ; the meadows and part of the grass were manured, and the manure worked among the grass and trees with a drag made from thorn trees.

The foreman's house was painted inside and outside, and several of the rooms papered. The benches, seats and tables, the stable, the piazza, floor of the shelter, and the walls and ceiling in the kitchen of the shelter were painted.

One hundred white pines taken from the overcrowded pinetum at Highland Park, and 100 red cedar and 100 pitch pines, collected on the eastern shore of Irondequoit Bay, were planted in Seneca

Park East. Several hundred white, black, red, bur and swamp white oaks were taken from the park nurseries and planted on the border along the railroad. A small number of chestnut, post, shingle and pin oaks were planted in various parts of the park. Many trees that obstructed desirable river views, were cut out.

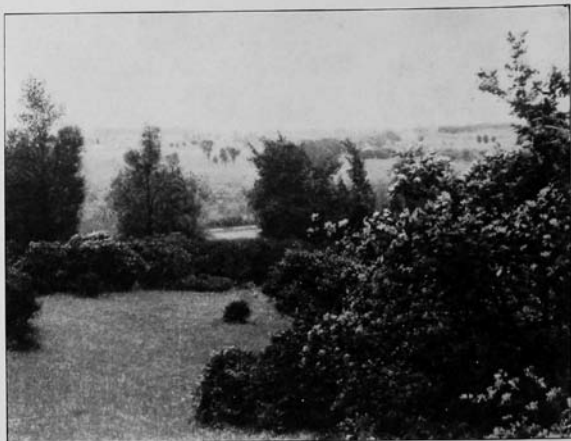
The drouth of 1899 was more severe than during 1898, and on measurement it was found that 67,000 gallons of water ran over the over-flow of Trout Lake during twenty-four hours.

A small piece of land south of the shelter was seeded to grass late in the fall. The refectory was leased to Mrs. F. L. Gates for two years for \$50 per year, the lease expiring on April 1, 1902.

SENECA PARK WEST—At Seneca Park West, the twelve acres of land plowed in the fall of 1898 for seeding, were cultivated several times during the season to kill the quack-grass and to smooth the ridges. Just before seeding it was harrowed with the disk, acme and smoothing harrows to obliterate all the sharp angles in the land, and to make it smooth. The land was very stony, and it was necessary to pick up the stones. The land was well manured, and phosphate was sowed in addition to the manure to stimulate the growth of the seed. Blue grass, red top and white clover seed, the best extra re-cleaned, were used. After seeding, the land was rolled to press in the seed. The last day's seeding was done on September 25th, and there was a fine catch of grass.

HIGHLAND PARK—At Highland Park during the winter about 300 loads of manure were hauled and spread over the grass. The shrubs in the collection were pruned during January and February. The administration building was completed by ceiling and plastering. The upper floor of the children's pavilion was repaired, and the floors and the steps were painted with navy deck paint. The railings on both floors were given two coats of Crocketts' spar composition, and the steps of the administration building were painted and the floors oiled. The workshed in the administration building was ceiled, and the seed-room partitioned off at the west end of the room.

A nursery of 25,000 seedling trees and shrubs, raised in Highland Park, was established in the Frost nursery at Genesee Valley Park. A small number of small trees were bought from nursery-men to be grown as a supply for park planting when necessary. A



HIGHLAND PARK, LOOKING SOUTH.

collection of European, American, and Asiatic thorn trees, and Asiatic crab apples, Japanese ashes and oaks, was planted along the border of the driveway leading from Highland avenue to Elmwood avenue. Thirty thousand annuals, biennials and perennials were raised in hot-beds and cold frames to plant around the children's pavilion and other places in Highland Park, in Franklin Square, near the shelter at Seneca Park, and at Genesee Valley Park. Thirty-seven thousand bulbs of narcissus, iris, glory of the snow, crocuses, tulips, hyacinths, and snow drop were planted in Highland and Washington Square and Franklin Square.

As the summer was the driest on record, plants suffered from the drought.

One hundred and twenty species and varieties of shrubs were added to the collection during the year. The collection then embraced sixty families, 155 genera and about 1245 species and varieties.

One hundred and forty-four new varieties of evergreens, many imported from England, were added to the collection of coniferous



SENECA PARK.

evergreens in the pinetum. The collection embraced 153 species and varieties of the following named genera:

Abies 27; *Picea* 17; *Pinus* 33; *Larix* 6; *Juniperus* 27; *Taxus* 10; *Cedrus* 4; *Cupressus* 4; *Thuopsis* 1; *Torreya* 1; *Cephalotaxus* 1; *Podocarpus* 1; *Cryptomeria* 1; *Anthrotaxus* 1; *Sciadopitys* 1; *Libocedrus* 1; *Thuja* 16; *Sequoia* 1.

Several of each variety of plants are labelled with both the common and scientific name. Insect pests made their appearance in great numbers and constant syringing and spraying were kept up with kerosene emulsion, whale oil soap and tobacco water applied with a force pump. The pests were kept under control.

GENESSEE VALLEY PARK—At Genesee Valley Park in the winter the teams were busy drawing cinders from the Vacuum Oil Works to repair the bicycle paths in the park, and to fill in the barn yards and around the tool houses and sheds. They also drew out the manure from the sheep sheds and spread on the meadows and around the trees. A large number of trees growing on the river banks were cut down, and many trees and shrubs in the Frost nursery were grubbed out and burned. A few of the old trees in the picnic grove, having become decayed and unsightly, were cut down, and the shrubs on the border plantation were pruned.

The cinder paths on both sides of the river were rolled, and the park roads rolled. Some of the evergreen trees southeast of the picnic grove were taken out and transplanted to other parts of the park, and the large crowding ones were cut down.

A bicycle path from the athletic building to the Rochester Athletic Club House was made. A boy was in charge of the athletic house to keep it clean and comfortable, and to keep track of the keys of the lockers while the athletes were working on the track.

On the meadows west of Red creek, nine golf links aggregating one and one half miles in length, were laid out. The seats, benches, and picnic tables were painted, and the foreman's house was shingled and painted inside. A new pump was put into the well near the Athletic club house. Fifty lockers were put into the athletic building for golfers. The forest planting was revised, and many oak trees were added to the planting on both sides of the river, and many of the soft wood trees cut down. Many shrubs were added to the forest plantation and the border through the forest road was rearranged. A large number of hickory nuts, of a choice variety, were planted.

The Tussock moth was troublesome, and the trees on twenty-two streets were cleaned of the egg masses. Trees were trimmed on 98 streets, and 92 dead and 193 crowding trees were cut down.

The tree planting on Genesee street was completed except a space of several hundred feet on the west side of the street caused by the dilatoriness of the Rochester railway company in changing its tracks.

Lenox avenue was planted with Norway maples alternating with Carolina poplars.

Darien street, from Chili avenue, was planted with Norway maples.

Algonquin street was planted with canoe birches for temporary trees, and tulip trees for permanent trees.

The work on Genesee park boulevard was completed except the planting of the tulip and willow trees, and sowing of the grass seed.

Ten policemen were employed in the parks. During the summer thousands of wild flowers were collected and planted in the parks.



SHADY SPOT, TROUT LAKE.

January 1st, 1900, to January 1st, 1901.

One piece of land was bought from Henry B.⁶ Baker, son of B. M. Baker, deceased. The plot contains 12.61 acres and was bought for \$3,800. It is the same piece of land that was formerly condemned.

SENECA PARK EAST—At Seneca Park East, one hundred and thirty-eight feet of 18-inch tile drain were laid on the ice pond property, recently acquired, to drain the pond into the river. Trees that were crowding in the grove and on the river bank, were cut down. A shed 100 feet long and 20 feet wide for horses was built in the grove across the road from the site of the permanent shelter as designed by the landscape architect.

* During the week commencing June 9, several hundred United States soldiers, guests of the city of Rochester, while waiting to take part in the parade in honor of General Elwell S. Otis on June 14th, were encamped in Seneca Park west by permission of the board of park commissioners. As very little planting had been done, no great harm came to the park property, but in a finished park such a license would cause great damage.

HIGHLAND PARK.—At Highland Park a place was prepared for rhododendrons at the foot of the embankment east of the children's pavilion. About 110 varieties of lilacs were in bloom and the crowds to see them were larger than on any previous year.

The children's pavilion was repaired by replacing some of the decrepit railings and posts, and part of the flooring. A bed was prepared for hardy roses, and a collection (700 roses) representing 90 varieties was established. The usual summer flowering plants, and bulbs for the following spring, were put out. Quantities of seeds of native shrubs and trees were collected and sowed. Prof. C. S. Sargent, director of Arnold Arboretum, came in the fall to study the native hawthorns. No additions were made to the shrub collection or to the pinetum.

GENESEE VALLEY PARK.—At Genesee Valley Park many dying and crowding trees in the picnic grove, and along Red creek and in the Frost nursery, were cut down. Cinders collected from the Vacuum Oil Works were sifted and spread on the bicycle paths. Manure was spread in the forest, and on the meadows and in the picnic grove. Soil from Red creek was spread under the trees in the picnic grove. A large number of seedling oak trees were transplanted from seed beds to the park nurseries. The golf links were lengthened by adding six holes to the nine made last year, and the total distance round the fifteen holes is 2.89 miles. The golf links were very popular, and the ball grounds were used more frequently than ever before, but the athletic grounds were used less frequently than last year.

A well was dug at the elk enclosure to furnish water for the elk and deer. The rustic bridge across Red creek, and the steps at the athletic house, and the windows in the refectory, were repaired. Forty new lockers were put into the athletic building for the golf players.

New sprinklers were bought for Highland and Genesee Valley parks.

The privilege of maintaining a boat livery at Genesee Valley Park was let to the Durand Manufacturing Company. The location was changed to a place about 200 feet south of Elmwood avenue bridge on the west side of the river. A ferry running from the boat livery to a landing on the east side of the river convenient to the picnic grove, and the golf grounds, was established, and the fare for the

round trip was fixed at five cents. The rent for the boat privilege was nominal.

A lease of the refectory in the picnic grove was made with J. S. Pardee, the term to begin March 1, 1901, and to extend three years. The rental was fixed at \$200 per year.

The city parks and street trees were cared for as usual. The egg masses of the Tussock moth were destroyed on fifteen streets most infested. Trees were trimmed on 19 streets, and 197 dead and crowding trees were cut down.

Elm trees alternating with Carolina poplars, were planted on Augustine and Birr streets, and Laura street was planted with canoe birches alternating with Carolina poplars.

Birr park was added to the small parks, and was planted with shrubbery.

Trees were planted on Genesee park boulevard. The cement walks in Plymouth Park and the fence on the east side of Brown's Square were repaired.

By an act of the legislature of the state passed in April, 1900, the power to appoint park policemen was taken from the park commissioners and given to the Commissioner of Public Safety, and from April 23 he had charge of policing the parks.

January 1, 1901, to January 1, 1902.



No land was bought during the year, although several pieces were under condemnation by the commissioners appointed by the court.

SENECA PARK EAST.—At Seneca Park East, muck was hauled from a pile west of the lake and spread among the trees in the picnic grove. Considerable planting was done in the belt plantation along the railroad track. * Sugar maples, canoe birches and oaks of several species were taken from the Seneca Park nurseries and planted in the small forest. Sugar maples were set out in the south grove to replace those that had died.

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GLIMPSE OF THE LAKE, SENECA PARK.

Red, pitch, Table-Mountain, Swiss stone, western yellow, Austrian and Scotch pines were set out in various places. Red cedar, Sayin juniper and prostrate juniper were planted on the bare hills exposed to the winds, and hemlocks were planted in sheltered places. English, Japan and American yews were planted in a sheltered ravine where the American yew flourishes. Colorado blue spruce, Douglas spruce, American silver fir, taken from our nurseries, were planted ; also a few black spruce, balsam fir and European silver fir.* A bear cage twenty feet in diameter, with a cement bottom, and a swimming pool, and a cement den were built.† An eagle's cage, and a monkey's cage were also built. Two yards were fenced for sheep and goats, and yards and houses for deer and elk. ‡ A cement tank was built for alligators, and repairs were made to the foxes' cages. The upper part of the north end of the barn was sheathed and papered, and the room warmed for the monkeys. A well was dug in the north grove. In the south grove, the dead limbs of all the trees were cut off, and all unsound trees were cut down to prevent accident.

SENECA PARK WEST—At Seneca Park West, the nine acres of land that were unseeded last year were sowed to grass seed on September 7th. The usual careful preparation of the soil was made before the grass seed was sowed, and after the sowing, the land was rolled. Ground was prepared for planting the row of white oak trees between the row of white ash trees near the western boundary of Seneca Park West.

GENESEE VALLEY PARK—At Genesee Valley Park, the old ice house was repaired and a new ice house 24 x 16 and 12 feet high was built. The bridges across Red creek were repaired and the golf, athletic and ball grounds cared for. Cinders were drawn from the Vacuum Oil Works for the cinder paths, and manure was drawn from the sheep sheds and placed around trees and in the picnic grove. The trees in the picnic grove were greatly benefited by the application of manure. One hundred small beech trees were planted in the forest plantation to fill vacant spaces. On the west side of the river a large number of bur oaks, white ash and Carolina poplars, taken from the park nurseries, were planted along the railroad track to conceal it from view. Three hundred Norway spruces were set out in the Frost nurseries to supply evergreens to

cover the half hardy plants in the shrub collection at Highland Park.

A small number of trees and shrubs were bought to add to the forest plantation, and the shrub collection. A small number of trees were bought to prepare in the nursery by transplanting so that they can be easily transplanted to the streets when required. A team of horses was bought to draw the sprinkler, and do other heavy work. One hundred and sixteen lockers were built for the golfers.

HIGHLAND PARK—At Highland Park a number of trees were cut down on the land south of Highland avenue, to allow others to grow and develop. Manure was spread on the flower beds, amongst the shrubs and in the pinetum. The ice house was filled. The shrubs were pruned and sprayed. One hundred and eighty-four yards of peaty soil were hauled to the rhododendron bed, and the bed was filled with rhododendrons, azaleas and kalmias. A small number of other plants were added to the shrub collection. A large number of evergreens were planted in the pinetum. On the slope facing the gravel pit, Austrian and Scotch pines were planted. Bur and swamp white oaks were planted on the land south of Highland avenue.

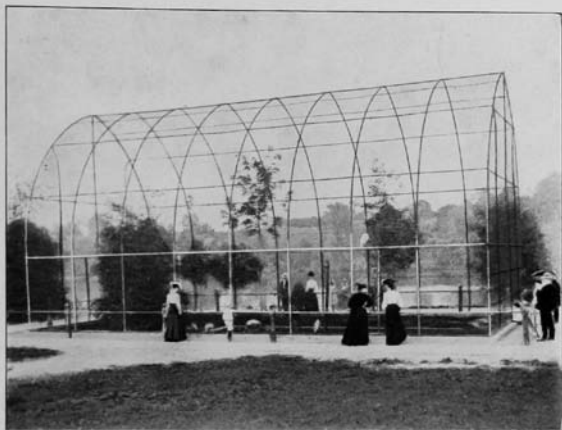
A large number of trees, shrubs, hard wood cuttings and grafted thorns and crab apples, were added to the park nurseries.

The display of tulips, hyacinths, crocuses, and flowering shrubs, especially lilacs, was better than usual.

The children's pavilion was repaired, and painted and varnished. Repairs were made on the houses, and they were shingled and painted. A covered walk was made on the outside of the administration building to connect the kitchen with the waiting room. Pipes were laid to the children's picnic grove so that drinking water can be had conveniently, and hose attachments were put in the pipes to water plants. A pipe was extended to Mr. Dunbar's house. The park road through the pinetum was graveled. Twenty-six thousand bulbs were planted in Highland Park.

The city parks and street trees were cared for by a small force of men.

The plan for Jones's Square was received from Olmsted Bros. and 175 trees were cut down to carry out the plan. One thousand forty-two loads of soil were drawn on the park to fill in low places,



FLYING CAGE, SENECA PARK.

and 126 loads of street manure to enrich the land. About one-fourth the area was plowed.

Several beds of tulips were put in Washington and Franklin squares. One hundred and twenty-seven dead, and fifty-two crowding trees were cut down on the streets. The trees of fifty-two streets were trimmed during the year 1901.

The larvæ of the Tussock moth were still troublesome, especially in the first and seventh wards, where they fed principally on the leaves of the horse-chestnut and basswood trees. The egg masses were destroyed during the summer on the trees, fences and houses in the infested districts.

The collection of animals in Seneca Park East attracted a great deal of attention and afforded entertainment to many park visitors and many presents of animals were made to the park commissioners for the zoo.

Commencing on June 30th, and ending September 29th, eighteen band concerts were given in the parks by the Fifty-Fourth Regiment band, Dossenbach's band, and Hebing's Military band.



LILY POND, SENECA PARK.

The concerts were well attended, and it was estimated that 10,000 persons attended one of the concerts in Seneca Park, and from 5,000 to 7,000 at other concerts. The concerts were held at Seneca Park East, and Genesee Valley Park, except one at Highland Park, and one at Seneca Park West. Five hundred dollars of the money for band concerts were paid by the park commissioners from the Maintenance Fund, and the remainder was raised by subscription and collected by the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, under whose auspices the band concerts were given.

The parks were policed by men appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety. During the summer, two men were employed at Highland Park; two, and sometimes three, at Seneca Park, and three at Genesee Valley Park. During band concert days, and days of ball games, and on other special occasions, the Commissioner of Public Safety furnished extra men.

The money received from materials sold from the parks amounted to \$2,793.68.

January 1, 1902, to January 1, 1903.

During the year 1902 eight parcels of land along the top of the high bank of the river, extending from old No. 8 school grounds northerly to Emerson's ice pond, were acquired by condemnation proceedings. Foery and Kastiner's land, containing .21 of an acre, cost \$325; Estate of John Knoeferl, containing 2.409 acres, \$3,750; John Rotman's lot 8, Carthage Tract, \$800; lot 9, Carthage Tract, \$455; lot 10, \$445; lots 11 and 12, and part of lot 3, \$700; lot 13 and part of lot 2, \$950. A lot on Norton street, containing .032 of an acre brought \$60, and another part of a lot, brought \$150. The owners were unknown.

The property of the Rochester Gas and Electric Light Company, on Driving Park avenue, and containing 1.065 acres, was bought for \$1,000.

SENECA PARK EAST—At Seneca Park East, black soil was spread on the picnic grove, and around evergreen trees. Trees from the Seneca Park nurseries were planted along the border plantation to thicken it. The shrubs growing between the walk and the road were thinned and the surplus shrubs planted on the border plantation. Several species of oak trees were also planted along the border plantation.

Closets for men and women were built in the south grove, near the tool house. The well at the overflow of Trout lake was repaired. A stone cistern was built near the refectory. The overflow from the cistern supplies the deer and elk with drinking water. The ball grounds were removed a short distance north to make room for the Turners' exercising grounds. Two poles and a large cross bar were erected for the Turners. An iron pipe to carry the overflow from the cistern to the deer yard was laid. A considerable addition to the shelter was made, and water closets put in to replace the earth closets. A hand-pump to fill the cistern was put in. * A swimming pool about 100 feet long, and 60 feet wide was made for the boys. A teacher of swimming was present two afternoons in each week, and a park attendant was present during the swimming season. * A flying cage fifty feet long, twenty-five feet wide and twenty-five feet high, with a swimming and wading pool for large birds, was made.



RESTING PLACE, HIGHLAND PARK.

Old No. 8 school building, on St. Paul street, was turned over to the Park Board in which to house the monkeys and birds during the winter. A cage with a water tank was built for water birds, and ten cages were built for monkeys, of which there were 34 of 12 species. In the room north of the monkey cages, four cages were built for small birds and parrots. In the north room were the Marabou storks and Australian cranes. The hardy native animals that can endure the cold were left at Seneca Park.

SENECA PARK WEST—At Seneca Park West, a golf course was built and maintained. During the fall the white oak trees designed for the permanent trees in the row west of the west drive, were planted. Groups of scarlet, red, white and chestnut oaks were planted along the drive according to the plan made by the landscape architect.

* On March 3rd, 1902, Dr. E. M. Moore Sr., the beloved president of the Park Board from the foundation of the Park Commission,

died at the age of 88. On March 26, at a regular meeting of the board, Commissioner A. B. Lamberton was elected president.

• **GENESEE VALLEY PARK**—At Genesee Valley Park an ice house of 115 tons capacity was built to replace the old one.

• On March 3rd, the water in Genesee river was higher than it has been since the memorable flood of 1865, and one foot higher than the very high water of 1896. The roads and bicycle paths were considerably damaged by the washing away of soil and cinders. The high water in Red creek was caused by the overflowing of the banks of the river several miles above the park, and crossing to the valley of the Red creek, and coming down through it to the park. The extremely high water in the park caused by this overflow of the river, will necessitate the building of longer spans of the bridge over Red creek than would be necessary to carry the water which comes to Red creek through its tributaries. The work of repairing the damage caused by the flood was considerable, as roads and paths had to be repaired and the debris from the flood taken away.

Many of the apple trees and a few of the decayed, or crowding maple trees on the Baker property recently acquired, were cut down. A new coating of paper was put on the flat roof on the west side of the refectory, and the shingled roof repaired. A cistern that holds 1165 gallons was built at the refectory, and cave troughs were put on the roof. The dining room of the refectory was extended. A large number of trees and shrubs were planted in the forest plantation that borders the park on all sides. Scarlet, chestnut and shingle oaks, hornbeam and ironwood from the park nurseries, were planted to add to the beauty of the forest, and red, or river birch and willows of various species, were planted along the river bank. Several species of oak were added to the magnificent specimens of white and black oaks on Oak Hill. Willows were planted to conceal the new boat house of the Oak Hill Country Club, which was located on park land about half way between Elmwood avenue bridge and the state dam. Trees were planted to conceal the three new boat houses built on the west side of the river. The merry-go-round which was located on the low land west of the picnic grove, was ruined by the high water of March 3rd, and the lessees were given the privilege of building a new merry-go-round with a new low-toned organ on the high ground



GLIMPSE OF THE GENESEE, SENECA PARK.

east of Red creek, and north of the picnic grove. Fast growing trees were planted to conceal the merry-go-round. A large number of oak, birch and silver maple trees were planted on the high ground south of the picnic grove to give shade to an enlarged picnic ground, which has been greatly needed.

The wells were cleaned after the flood. The athletic house, the refectory, the band stand, the foreman's house, the long tool house, the horse barn, the small house south of the barn, the two ice houses, the two large sheds, the shepherd's house, and part of the sheep sheds, all the park seats and picnic tables and benches, were given two coats of paint.

The golf grounds were rolled with a two horse roller, and the putting greens with a steam roller. The greens were constantly mowed. Thirteen new putting greens 60 feet square were prepared by plowing and manuring and sowing grass seed of a mixture recommended by experts in preparing golf grounds. The summer weather was wet, and cool, and it required constant labor to keep the greens mowed. The grounds were twice rolled with a steam roller; the ball grounds and athletic grounds were repaired and



BUILDINGS IN HIGHLAND PARK.

kept in order for the many games during the summer. A tennis court was laid out on the meadow ; a new floor was put into the kitchen of the shepherd's house ; the river bank on the west side of the river near the Rochester Athletic Club house was repaired by drawing in stones.

During the summer at the athletic building, two men were employed to keep it open from 7 a. m. until 11 p. m., and one of the men slept at the building at night to prevent trespassers. The manure at the sheep sheds and barns was spread in the picnic grove, and around trees in the meadows and groves.

Many trees require constant care to keep them in health and vigor by nourishing them, and to prevent injury by insects and mice and rabbits. The injury to trees by drifting snow is great unless prevented by putting up temporary fences, or branches to divert the snow from drifting on the trees. The yearly pruning of broken branches caused by storms is considerable.

* The Young Men's Christian Association was given permission to erect a boat house and athletic building on the west side of the river about three hundred feet south of the athletic building of the Rochester Athletic Club.

The privilege to let boats and canoes to the public at Genesee Valley Park for the year was given to William Long, and to the Durand Manufacturing Company. There was no charge for the privilege, but the lessees were required to limit their charges for boats to a schedule supervised by the Genesee Valley Park committee. The \$1200 appropriated by the Park Commission to put stone on the roads was used in getting broken stone from the quarries of the General Crushed Stone Company at North LeRoy on the Lehigh Valley Railroad. The stone was delivered on the Mount Hope siding east of Genesee Valley Park, and spread on the southerly side of the two mile circle, and extending from the entrance from the Westfall road westerly to the river.

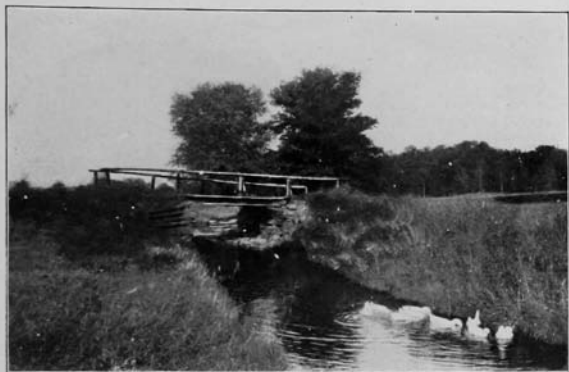
HIGHLAND PARK—The shrubs in the collection and in the borders throughout the park were pruned. A large number of shrubs were thinned and the surplus heeled in to be planted elsewhere.

- An area of 1,400 square feet, two and one half feet deep was dug out in the ravine southeast of the children's pavilion, and filled with peat, and then planted with 300 rhododendrons, kalmias and Scotch heather. About 1,500 shrubs and trees were sprayed to destroy insect pests. The steep slopes on the north line of the park, and on the east line bordering on Goodman street, were planted with black oaks, pitch pines, Scotch, Austrian, white and Mugho pine and red cedar. South of Highland avenue about 200 trees were planted. One hundred and fifty white pines, hemlocks, white spruce, and arbor vitæ, were thinned out of the pinetum and planted on the slopes of the ravine southeast of the pavilion to afford shelter for the rhododendrons and azaleas.

In the park nursery 1,000 oaks, 3,000 seedlings of native shrubs and vines, 5,000 cuttings of dogwoods, willows and cultivated shrubs, and 1,600 plants of nursery stock purchased, were planted in nursery rows.

- About 65,000 plants were raised in hot-beds to plant in the park. The trophy cannon, taken from the wreck of the Spanish cruiser Castilla, sunk by the American squadron under Commodore Dewey, was dedicated on June 14th.

Fifty-one loads of gravel were spread on the surface of the road, which runs through the pinetum, and 295 loads of manure were spread on the park. A walk four hundred feet long, and ten feet



RED CREEK, GENESEE VALLEY PARK.

wide was built from Reservoir avenue to South avenue across the small meadow at the northwest corner of the park. The old picket fence on the north side of Reservoir avenue, from the entrance to the park towards the children's pavilion, was taken down, and forty trees, which obstructed the view into the park, cut down.

The shelter at the park entrance, and the park houses and the ice house and barn, each received two coats of paint. The floors of the children's pavilion were repaired; fifty thousand mixed bulbs were planted in Highland Park, Franklin, Washington and Jones parks.

CITY PARKS AND STREET TREES—From January 1, to June 11th, a foreman and three men trimmed trees, but the demands for trimming came in so fast that two forces were put on the work; but on July 26th, it became necessary to curtail expenses, and no more trimming was done during the year. Fifty-two streets were trimmed, and 209 trees were cut down. Three hundred and seventy-nine requests were made to trim trees, but only 160 could be complied with on account of lack of funds. One thousand, one hundred and seventy-eight dollars were spent in cutting down and trimming trees and \$1,442 in caring for the city parks, exclusive of



HIGHLAND PARK.

the snow, and \$651 were spent for shoveling snow from the walks in the small city parks.

The improvements of Jones's Square were finished with the exception of planting a few shrubs and trees that are always planted in the spring. The improvement consisted in taking down 205 trees, drawing on 1922 loads of soil, grading, subsoil plowing, manuring, fertilizing, sowing grass seed, rolling and planting trees and shrubs and bulbs, and putting down 22,154 square feet of cement sidewalk. The total cost of this improvement of Jones's Square was \$4,628.89.

The resolution determining that the Board of Park Commissioners declare the strip of land of varying width from Norton street northerly 4,223 feet to the graded road at the present entrance to Seneca Park east, a boulevard, passed the Board of Park Commissioners on September 25th. The cost was estimated at \$11,000. The final ordinance passed the Common Council, and was approved by the Mayor on November 10th, and work was immediately commenced and pursued until the cold weather of December 10th put a stop to the grading.

On all the parks there is a great deal of work, such as cutting



RIVER BEND, SENECA PARK.

hay and grass, on athletic grounds before and after each game, drawing ice to the buildings, clearing up after picnics and band concerts, feeding and caring for the animals, scraping roads and paths after snow storms, putting on extra men to watch the flowers and trees and animals early in the morning before policemen come, or during times of crowds, and Sundays and holidays, and days when no policemen report for duty in the parks, watching hunters of wild animals and tree and flower destroyers, and disorderly characters, which the policemen do not see.

A little of this work is done every day in the year, and in the aggregate quite a large sum of money is spent doing many little things for the convenience and comfort of park visitors.

Many presents were given to the parks, and a complete list may be found on page 686 of the Proceedings of Common Council for 1902.

The sum of \$2,435 was given to the zoo by several gentlemen. The materials sold from the parks, which includes rent, brought \$2,356.92.



VIEW IN HIGHLAND PARK.

The street car service to the parks was not all that could be desired. The cars did not begin to run to the parks early enough in the spring, and in the fall the service was not continuous, nor regular.

During the summer, three policemen were employed at Genesee Valley Park, two at Highland Park, and two at Seneca Park, and extra men at all the parks during holidays and Sundays, and at band concerts, and ball games. Mounted policemen occasionally rode through all the parks. During the early winter, one man was employed at each of the large parks, but during the months of November and December, no one was regularly employed at Highland and Genesee Valley Parks.

Nineteen band concerts were given in Seneca Park east and west, at Highland and at Genesee Valley Parks, and paid for by the Park Board at a cost of \$1,215. Many other concerts were given under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce from funds contributed by citizens and the Rochester Railway Company. The Rochester

Railway Company gave one concert at its own expense at Seneca Park on September 28th.

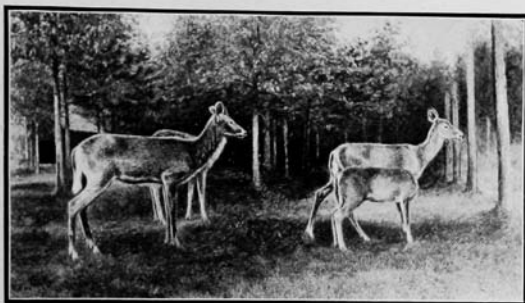
The State Industrial School gave a band concert at Seneca Park on Sunday, September 21st, at the request of Park Commissioner Bausch.

The Rochester Railway Company contributed \$952.50 for band concerts in the parks, and the Chamber of Commerce contributed \$800.





MAPLE GROVE, MAPLEWOOD PARK.



DEER, SENECA PARK.

Report of the Superintendent and Engineer.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 31st, 1903.

TO THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS,

GENTLEMEN:—During the year, the Maple Grove fronting on Lake avenue, and extending to Maplewood avenue, and twenty-four lots on the east side of Maplewood avenue and the sloping bank of the river from Seneca Park bridge northerly to the center line of Riverside avenue extended to the river and the sloping bank on the east side of the river to the south line of the Tannery lot, were acquired for park purposes.

The grantor of the above described property, George Ellwanger, and others, brought an action against the city of Rochester for damages for trespass and a nuisance created by the construction of the east side sewer, and in settlement of above action the city authorities deemed it advisable to buy land and turn it over to the Park Commissioners for park purposes.

The consideration, as above stated, was \$50,000, to be paid in yearly installments of \$5,000. The first \$5,000 payment was made on November 27th, 1903, the remaining \$45,000 drawing interest at 5%. The judgment of real estate men is that the property was of the value of \$50,000 irrespective of the suit for damages.

SENECA PARK EAST.—During the early winter, the crowded trees along the top of the high bank from the entrance northerly and in the groves, were thinned. It requires constant attention to care for a grove, and by a little neglect for a few years many trees will become crowded and damaged beyond repair.

The ice on Trout Lake was kept clear of snow from January 1st, until February 26th, for skaters. It was estimated that about 4,200 persons skated during that time. The Rochester Railway Company ran cars into the park to accommodate the skaters. On January 24th, about 2,000 people skated, and every car ran into the park.

Muck was drawn from the pile west of the lake and spread on the picnic grove. Manure was spread around trees. A lily pond was excavated south of the lake near elk yard, and partly filled with black soil, rotted sod and cow manure to prepare it for the lilies. The lilies were presented by R. H. Warder, superintendent of Lincoln Park, Chicago, Ill. The lilies bloomed in the summer, and were greatly admired. A flag walk was built from the walk running north of the pavilion down to the spring. Shrubs were planted on each side of the walk. Two rooms in the upper part of the refectory were ceiled, and the inside of the refectory was varnished. Gravel was drawn into the bottom of the swimming pool, and the bank which had settled raised. A short walk in the picnic grove was graded. A large number of oaks, taken from Genesee Valley Park nursery, were planted along the border plantation to thicken it. The old cistern under the refectory was taken out, and pipes were connected with the cistern in the top of the refectory to supply the occupants with water. Conductor pipes connecting the eave-troughs with a tile drain running down the bank were put in. The attic in which the water tank is located, was ceiled and prepared to keep the water from freezing. A range boiler to heat water was put into the kitchen, and connections made to the cistern in the top of the refectory. The treads of the wooden stairs on the foot-path north of the refectory were removed. A small cellar to hold the



GENESEE VALLEY PARK.

soda water tanks was built under the refectory. The eagle and hawk cages, and the bird cages were repaired. Four cages for pheasants and other birds, were built north of the pheasant cages that were built last year. A loft for the pigeons was built at the south end of the barn. The seats and tables and benches, the horse-shed and barn, and the cages were painted. The inside of the refectory was varnished, and the platform and steps painted. Twenty-five seats were put into Seneca Park, and many plank seats built along the top of the river bank. The plank picnic table near the north end of the park was rebuilt. A yard for the fallow deer was built of material taken from the deer yard at Genesee Valley Park. A counter was built in the refectory, and the court yard back of the kitchen was cemented so that it could be kept clean. A cage was built for parrots near the monkey's cage, and three small cages were built to hold small animals. Some repairs were made in the other cages. The rustic shelter in the picnic grove was repaired by putting in new posts. A wire screen was put around the lily pond to keep out the ducks and muskrats, which



YOUNG ELK, SENECA PARK.

destroy lilies. The ailanthus trees on the border plantation were cut down. The swimming pool was a great attraction to the boys, and as many as 360 have swum in the pool in a day. It demonstrated that there is a demand for several swimming pools in various parts of the city. An instructor in swimming was employed to teach boys or girls to swim. Two attendants were on hand to care for the

boys and their clothes. The attendant reports that 3,163 swimmers used the pool in July, and 2,700 in August.

The ponies from the Pittsford farm proved a great attraction at Seneca Park during a part of August, and drew crowds of people to see them.

The animals in the park were as popular as ever. Many native birds were raised by hand by the park employees. Blue birds, Wilson's and wood thrushes, cat-birds, orioles, cow-birds, crow blackbirds, robins, red-eyed vireos, king birds, cuckoos, vesper, field, song and chipping sparrows and least bitterns were raised, and nuthatches, pine grosbeaks, goldfinches, purple finches, brown creepers and woodpeckers were trapped.

Two fawns, one a Virginia white-tailed one, and the other a fallow deer, were born in captivity. A pair of very beautiful fallow deer were bought in Pittsford. Many animals were presented to the zoo. The animals from the tropics and the birds were housed in the Zoo Annex on St. Paul street. Visitors constantly attended the annex during week days, and the rooms were crowded on Sundays.

SENECA PARK WEST—New ball grounds were graded and a back stop put up at Seneca Park west. The roads were scraped and the walks cleaned and repaired. A few oak trees were planted to replace those that died. The meadows were mowed, and a large number of unsightly trees were cut down and sawed up and sold.

HIGHLAND PARK—Forty trees along Reservoir avenue were cut down, including half of the Norway maples, which were growing too closely, and in the grove west of the children's pavilion to open up some views recommended by the landscape architect.

The land south of Highland avenue, which was infested with mice on account of the long grass, was cared for by tramping down the snow around the trees, and putting in tiles corn meal poisoned with arsenic. The tiles were covered with strawy manure to prevent dogs and birds from eating the poison. One hundred and ninety loads of manure were spread in the pinetum where the soil is light, and in the grove and among the shrubs.

Pruning was done on the willows, hazels, eleagnuses, altheas and mock-oranges early in the year. The walks through the parks were kept cleaned of snow during the winter. An area of about 2,225 square feet and 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ feet deep was dug out in the ravine east of the children's pavilion and filled in with peat for rhododendrons. Rhododendrons, azaleas and hardy heaths do not thrive in limestone soil, hence the necessity of the peat which is free from lime. This is the fourth bed that has been provided in this way. Last year the rhododendrons attracted a great deal of attention, as they were new to a great many persons.

The ice house was filled with 103 tons of fine hard ice, and the park visitors were abundantly supplied with ice water during the summer at the refectory, and at the gate house, and with plain hemlock at the children's pavilion and in the picnic grove. The pruning and thinning of the shrubs was completed early in the spring. Early in March, commencing on the 5th, a large number of shrubs and small trees affected with bark lice, were sprayed with a twenty per cent. solution of crude petroleum and water from a kerosene sprayer.



ELK, SENECA PARK. ANTLEERS IN VELVET.



MAPLEWOOD PARK.

A hot bed three feet deep and occupying five frames and fifteen sashes, was constructed for raising the usual summer flowering plants.

The Japanese witch hazel commenced to bloom on March 2nd, and kept in blossom for about three weeks, and owing to the mildness of the weather, was very showy. It is a plant to be recommended for early and attractive blossoms.

The bulbs made a fine display, and hundreds of persons visited the park on March 22nd attracted by the mild weather and the early flowering bulbs. A seedling shade house 60 feet long, 18 feet wide and 6 feet high on the sides, and 9 feet high at the ridge, and made of white pine strip 2 x $\frac{3}{8}$ inches, placed two inches apart, was built for shading plant seedlings from the direct rays of the sun.

Two hundred and seventy rhododendrons, comprising twenty-six varieties, and a few ericaceous plants, were planted in the new rhododendron bed. A back ground was made for the rhododendrons by planting white pines and hemlocks thinned from the pinetum.

A short roadway connecting Reservoir avenue was closed and the hill on the east side of it graded down, and four hundred shrubs of several varieties were planted to improve the appearance of this new grading, and two hundred shrubs were planted on the widened embankment on the north side of Reservoir avenue opposite the fountain in the reservoir. Five hundred and fifty oaks, and about two thousand shrubs of various species, were dug out of the park nurseries for planting the new boulevard, Seneca Park, and Brown's Square.

Sixty loads of cinders were hauled from the Vacuum Oil Works and sifted and used to dress the paths. The rough cinders were used in the foundation for paths. Summer flowering plants were raised in large quantities in the hot-beds. The assistant superintendent's house and the refectory were painted. Five hundred feet of half inch iron pipe was connected with the Hemlock water system at Mr. Dunbar's house to supply water to the propagating grounds, and a branch was laid for a public drinking hydrant inside the park on Highland avenue. One hundred and fifty evergreens, consisting of pines, hemlocks, spruces and junipers were taken from the pinetum and planted in Seneca Park.



LILACS IN HIGHLAND PARK.

Over twenty-seven thousand summer flowering and bulbous plants raised in the hot-beds were planted out early in the summer. The blossoms of early flowering shrubs, vines and trees, as forsythias, daphnes, cornelian, cherry, spiræa Van Houttei, wistarias, lilacs and magnolias were destroyed by the severe frosts of April 4th and 5th, and May 3rd. The rhododendrons flowered a week earlier than usual, and made a fine display, and the bed of 4,000 pansies was a great attraction. The ground around the shrubs and trees and other plants was thoroughly cleaned, and the grass edges cut. Eighteen loads of rough cinders were hauled on the sandy section of Reservoir avenue, and a coat of gravel was spread over the center of the road through the pinetum. The grounds around the site of the proposed gate house were graveled and manured and seeded. The seats, table, benches, the seed shade-house and the exterior of the administration building were all painted dark green. All the bulbs that flowered early were dug and stored away until fall, and the spaces that they occupied filled with summer flowering plants. The nurseries were cultivated with a horse cultivator and hoed. The summer pruning and disbudding and spraying for



HIGHLAND PARK.

insect pests, and the propagating of plants and mowing of the lawns received attention.

The children's pavilion was repaired by splicing a new piece on the bottom of all posts which have decayed. On the second floor, new joists were laid throughout, and a pitch of four inches was given to carry off the water. New flooring was laid and the railing taken down and repaired, and securely fastened with angle irons and large wood screws. The top floor was painted and covered with 10 oz. duck, which was painted with two coats of paint. The posts were flashed on both floors, and new gutters and conductor pipes put into the building. Twenty-two loads of hay were cut and stored in the barns. A new flag was bought to replace the old one on the staff near the Manila gun.

By permission of the superintendent of Mount Hope Cemetery, Mr. John W. Keller, the many cannas were stored in the green house at Mount Hope Cemetery. About 41,000 new bulbs (mostly tulips and a large number of old bulbs) were planted. Fewer hyacinths than usual were used because the flower spikes are liable to be broken by winds. For general use, tulips and narcissus are

the best bulbs to plant. Six hundred American and Japanese liliiums were planted among the rhododendrons, as the peaty soil is favorable to their development. Two hundred and fifty new perennials were planted in specially prepared beds. Leaves were collected and covered over bulbs, perennials and tender shrubs and evergreens. Seeds of thorns, viburnums, roses, oaks and hickories have been saved.

GENESEE VALLEY PARK.—A new fence was built on the south side of the sheep yard, as the old fence had decayed. The stalls in the horse barn were made into box stalls, as the old stalls were too narrow for the large team. The picnic grove was covered with sheep manure. The leaves blow away, and it is necessary for the best development of the trees to manure the grove once in two or three years. The usual thinning of the trees in the border plantation was done. Ice to fill the ice houses was purchased from the Caledonia Ice Co., and was brought on the cars and left on the side track close to the ice house. The river ice was not clean, and went out early in February, and the river did not freeze again.

New ball grounds were graded on the Frost property, and a new back stop put up. The two old ball grounds, and the athletic grounds were repaired, and a lot of stone drawn on the river bank near the Rochester Athletic Club house to prevent the further washing of the bank. Earth was drawn from the Lehigh Valley R. R. lands to fill in the places where the earth at the small wooden bridges over Red creek was washed away by the freshets.

The putting greens on the golf links were rolled with the steam roller, and the fair greens with a four-horse roller. The grass was kept cut with a one-horse lawn mower. The wire was taken down from the enclosure for the elks, and with the remaining female elk, taken to Seneca Park East.

Fifty new park seats were put into the park. The ground around the small trees and shrubs was cultivated. The grass on the meadow was cut and made into hay. At Elmwood avenue entrance on the east side of the river, two vases filled with flowers were placed on the stone pedestals on each side of the driveway. Three thousand feet of the change in the driveway were graded, and the new grading, the forest road, and a large part of the great circle from the east entrance of the Westfall road northerly five



LILACS, HIGHLAND PARK.

hundred feet, and westerly from the entrance of the Westfall road to Red creek bridge, were covered with stone and rolled.

The roofs of the tool house and the refectory were coated with tar. Twenty trees were planted along the newly graded road from the beeches westerly towards the tall hickory, General Jackson. Some of the over-grown shrubs were cut back.

CITY PARKS AND STREET TREES—In Brown's Square, trees were taken out, and the border along the railroad was plowed, manured and shrubs planted. Several species of oak trees were

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MAY DAY, SENECA PARK.

planted in the small city parks. The shrubbery in all the small city parks was pruned and the soil around the shrubs spaded. The benches were repaired and painted. Formal beds of plants were put into Washington, Franklin and Jones's squares.

Five thousand, eight hundred mixed flowering plants were planted in the flower border of Jones Park. A large number of limbs of trees were broken during the severe wind storm of May 29th, and they were picked up and the wounds on the trees tarred over. Two flower beds of cannas and coleus were planted in Plymouth park.

At Franklin square, the walk from the west side to the park was taken up at the request of the property owners on the west side. Several hundred tulip bulbs were planted in Washington, Franklin, Jones and Lake View parks. Red oaks were planted on Edgerton and Barrington streets, and Norway maples on Park avenue. Trees and shrubs were planted at the Francis Parker, and the new east side high schools at the expense of the city through the school board. A very large silver poplar on Howell street, opposite Wadsworth square, was cut down. Two hundred and seventy-nine trees were cut down on the streets and small parks during the year, and the following named streets were trimmed:

Church Lea Place, Dartmouth street, Avenue A., Conkey avenue, Kent street, Fulton avenue, Portsmouth Terrace, Tremont street, Jefferson avenue, Lake View Park, Spring street, Washington street, South Fitzhugh street, Atkinson street, Exchange street, Clinton avenue, Caledonia avenue, Grand avenue, Parsells avenue, Vincent street, Sydney street, Oswego street, Garson avenue, Hayward avenue, Main street, Greeley, Denver, Baldwin, Arch, Federal streets and Meng Park, Breck street, North Goodman street, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Hobart, Fillmore, Gardiner, Depew, Hancock, Linden, Harvard and Field streets; Webster, Pennsylvania, Kenwood, Wellington, Warwick, Frost, Bronson, Chili, Grove, West and Plymouth avenues, and Thorndale Terrace; Arnold Park, Frank, Brunswick, Argyle, Buckingham, Berkeley, Matthews, Amity, Ormond, Rutgers, Oxford, Thayer, Meigs, Brighton, Richard, Cobb, Geneva and York streets, and Park and Averill avenues; Rising Place, and Culver and Westminster Road.

Two thousand, five hundred thirty-five and $\frac{95}{100}$ dollars were spent to care for the small parks, and \$1,085 12 for trimming trees and \$409.79 for shoveling snow; total \$4,030.86.



FALLOW DEER, SENECA PARK.

The Tussock moth did some damage to the trees in the Seventh Ward, but they were kept well under control. A species of caterpillars, called the "woolly bears," from the fact that they are clothed with long hair, attacked the leaves of the plane trees and made them look very unsightly. The tent caterpillars were troublesome on the elm and basswood trees, but they were controlled by destroying about 468 nests.

The fireworks given on the afternoon and evening of Labor Day, September 7th, drew a large crowd of people to Seneca Park east, and thousands enjoyed the fireworks, which were specially fine in the evening. The money to defray the expense of the fireworks was raised by Park Commissioner Frank J. Newell, and the donations were :

Rochester Railway Company,	.	.	.	.	\$150.00
Mrs. E. F. Hawley, Pittsford,	.	.	.	.	50.00
George E. Simpson,	.	.	.	.	10.00
Park Commissioner Wm. Bausch,	.	.	.	.	25.00
W. J. McClurg,	.	.	.	.	15.00
Total,	.	.	.	.	<hr/>\$250.00

Park Commissioner, William S. Riley, raised money to purchase twenty-five children's swings for Seneca Park east. The swings were of the latest improved designs, and accommodated from two to four children each. The swings were greatly appreciated by the children.

PARK ZOOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT—It is the purpose of the Park Commissioners to make the zoological department a leading feature of the park system and unique in that it shall contain all the birds indigenous to this region, and as many migratory and foreign birds as will endure confinement in contentment. Many of the mammals indigenous to this region are already in the collection, and more will be added as fast as it is expedient to maintain them.

William Bausch, chairman, Frank G. Newell, Edward J. Beir and Anson C. Allen, were the committee of the zoological department.

	SPECIES.	INDIVIDUALS.
Mammals,	32	124
Foreign birds,	64	163
Native birds,	45	146
Reptiles,	4	9
	<hr/> 145	<hr/> 442

PRESENTS TO THE PARKS—The following named persons gave presents to the parks during the year :

Kenneth Dresser,	A black squirrel.
Frank Ritter,	6 European skylarks.
Arthur Hay, Supt. of Parks, Springfield, Ill.,	12 gophers.
Geo. Kinzel, Jr.,	Red shouldered hawk.
Gilbert H. Reynolds,	1 herring gull.
Wm. D. Metcalf,	2 alligators.
Wm. Milligan,	1 goat.
L. F. Vahrudt,	1 raccoon.
Graff Brothers, Lyons, N. Y.	1 red-tailed hawk.
W. T. Linden,	Several canaries .
Herbert C. Mahns,	2 alligators.
A. L. Osgood,	3 white rabbits.
Martin J. Schermer,	3 guinea pigs.
E. W. Merrill,	Golden eagle.
Wm. Derx,	1 turtle.
Boys of Y. M. C. A.,	1 snapping turtle.
Albert W. Waldron,	1 red-tailed hawk.
James Griffith,	1 raccoon.
Miss Harriet T. Wadsworth, Geneseo, N. Y.,	1 Lobo wolf from Texas.
Park Commissioner R. E. Bolger, Detroit, .	1 pair timber wolves.
Mrs. Anna Davis,	7 guinea pigs.
Katherine Took,	1 alligator.
George Simpson,	1 pair of rabbits.
James Oaks,	1 screech owl.
Geo. C. Silsbee, Avoca, N. Y.,	1 red-tailed hawk.
A. Schwab,	1 screech owl.



PRAIRIE DOGS, SENECA PARK.

BAND CONCERTS—On Sunday, August 16th, a Toronto Band gave a very fine concert at the children's pavilion at Highland Park. The concert was given gratuitously, and the musicians were thanked very heartily by the representatives of the Park Board.

Forty other band concerts were given at Seneca Park and Genesee Valley Park, except one at Highland Park. They were given Saturday and Sunday afternoons on pleasant days.

The first of the concerts was given on June 20th, and they were continued during the mild weather.

Contributions of money amounting to \$1,422 50 were received from citizens and corporations, and \$1,200 were appropriated by the Park Board.

The sum of \$2,587.50 was paid for the forty concerts, leaving a balance of \$35 in the concert fund. The bands were Minges's Military Band and Garramone's Band.

The band concerts will be continued and given more frequently than heretofore, and the best efforts of the music committee will be given to secure excellent music for the entertainment and instruction of the park visitors. These features will call for a greater expenditure of money, but it is believed that the benefits to be derived from them will warrant the additional expenditure of money, nearly all of which is distributed among our citizens at home.

The frequent employment of the members of the best bands to give concerts, enables the leaders of the bands to give the musicians frequent rehearsals, thus greatly increasing the number of good performers on the various musical instruments.

The following is the list of the donors to the band concert fund:

Rochester Railway Company,	\$655.00
George Eastman,	250.00
Bausch & Lomb Optical Company,	50.00
Henry A. Strong,	50.00
Burke, FitzSimons, Hone & Co.,	25.00
Ellwanger & Barry Realty Co.,	25.00
Barnard, Porter & Viall,	25.00
E. P. Reed & Co.,	25.00
William Eastwood & Son,	25.00
Yawman & Erbe Co ,	25.00
Lewis P. Ross,	25.00
John H. Stedman,	20.00
Wm. B. Morse & Sons,	15.00
H. J. McClurg,	12.50
Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg R. R. Co.,	10.00
Hubbard & Eldridge Co.,	10.00
Harold C. Kimball,	10.00
L. L. Stone,	10.00
Dr. William S. Ely,	10.00
John C. Moore,	10.00
F. A. Brownell,	10.00
Mrs. A. G. Whitcomb,	10.00
Dr. Ogden Backus,	10.00
H. D. Stone Co.,	10.00
Charles Stern & Co.,	10.00
Louis Ernst & Sons,	10.00
Estate Geo. C. Maurer,	10.00
The James S. Graham Machine Co.,	10.00
Millsbaugh & Green,	10.00
Williamson Law Book Co.,	10.00
Mathews & Boucher,	10.00
Howe & Rogers Co.,	10.00
Scrantom, Wetmore & Co.,	5.00
George W. Aldridge,	5.00
J. M. E. O'Grady,	5.00
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	\$1,422.50
Appropriation by Board,	1,200.00
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Total,	\$2,622.50

During the autumn of 1899, Professor Charles S. Sargent, LL.D., Director of The Arnold Arboretum, and author of *The Silva of North America*, visited Rochester and examined a number of forms of *cratægus* growing on the banks of the river. This

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MAY POLE DANCE, GENESEE VALLEY PARK.

visit led Mr. John Dunbar, Mr. M. S. Baxter and myself, to make a careful and systematic study of the group in the neighborhood of the city, and in parts of the adjacent country. As a result of these studies, Dr. Sargent, in June 1903, named and described 10 groups and 41 species of *cratægus* indigenous to the Rochester region. Thirty-eight of these are new species, although several of them were recently described by other botanists.

Thirty-four of the species were never described before. The Rochester Academy of Science published the description of the *cratægus* as described by Dr. Sargent in its proceedings.

Many of these newly discovered species are very desirable to propagate for ornamental plants, as the flowers are very beautiful, and the showy fruit persists until the middle of the winter. The foliage is also very attractive, and the habit of the trees in winter is picturesque.

The discovery of these small trees is a great addition to the list of plants useful in landscape architecture.

The pinetum contains 23 genera, and about 160 species and varieties, and the shrub collection, including 98 varieties of roses, and the *cratægus*, contains 57 families, 200 genera and 1414 species and varieties.

BOULEVARDS—The new boulevard from Norton street to the entrance of Seneca Park was completed except the walks, and some planting of evergreen trees which could not be planted late in the fall. Many oak trees of several species were planted on the east side to conceal the buildings on that side. Seneca Parkway and the Genesee Park boulevard were cared for by cutting the grass.

The materials sold from the parks, including labor on several of the school-grounds, and planting trees on streets, rent of refectories, merry-go-round and for houses, amounted to \$4,229.42.

The materials sold were a bear, bulbs, coal, coyote, ducks, eggs, ewes, Guinea fowls, golf lockers, hay, harness, houses, iron, lambs, pelts, policemen's clubs, rams, rent from refectories, merry-go-round, shrubs, trees, tree-guards, wood and wool.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. LANEY,
Superintendent and Engineer.

To the Honorable, the Common Council of the City of Rochester:

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Park Commissioners, pursuant to the statute, presents the following reports and estimates:

The superintendent's report contains a detailed account of the field operations, and the treasurer's report a statement of the finances of the board.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at the annual meeting of this board held December 31, 1903:

Resolved, That we ask of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment an appropriation of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000.00) to constitute the maintenance fund for the use of this board for the year 1904.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. LAMBERTON, *President*.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS,

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 31, 1903.

To the Board of Park Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to submit the following report of my department for the year ending December 31, 1903, containing a detailed statement of all receipts and expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. DURAND, *Treasurer*.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

December 31, 1903.

M. O. STONE, SEC'TY.,

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS,

ROCHESTER, N. Y.

DEAR SIR,—I hereby certify that the cash balances to the credit of the park funds at the close of the fiscal year, Dec. 31, 1903, are as follows:

Improvement fund,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$23,043.96
Boulevard fund,	.	.	.	.	.	.	3,055.82
Maintenance fund, no balance.							

Respectfully,

JAMES JOHNSTON, *Comptroller*.

ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1903.

Dec. 31, 1902—Cash in the city treasury to the credit of the Park Commission :		
Improvement Fund	\$2,749.32	
Boulevard Fund	9,404.28	
	<hr/>	\$12,153.60

Receipts Dec. 31, 1902, to Dec. 31, 1903 :		
Appropriation, Maintenance Fund	\$40,000.00	
In 1903 tax levy, Maintenance Fund, "Contingencies No. 2", placed to credit Improvement Fund by Board of Estimate and Apportionment	5,000.00	
Placed to credit Improvement Fund by Common Council for purchase Riley triangle	20,000.00	
Material sold from parks, rentals etc.	4,229.42	
Interest on Improvement Fund	366.02	
Interest on Boulevard Fund	695.98	
	<hr/>	\$70,291.42
Total balances and Receipts		\$82,445.02

Disbursements, Dec. 31, 1902, to Dec. 31, 1903 :		
Warrants paid, Maintenance Fund	\$44,229.42	
Warrants paid, Improvement Fund	5,071.38	
Warrants paid, Boulevard Fund	7,044.44	
	<hr/>	\$56,345.24

Cash balance in City Treasury Dec. 31, 1903 :		
Improvement Fund	\$23,043.96	
Boulevard Fund	3,055.82	
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		\$82,445.02

DETAILED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS DEC. 31, 1903 :

Labor and pay, Maintenance Fund	\$28,470.99
Labor and pay, Boulevard Fund	6,214.89
Mason work, tools etc., Boulevard Fund	829.55
Buildings and structures, Maintenance Fund	3,807.72
Feed for horses and sheep and Zoo	2,128.86
Tools and blacksmithing	2,029.93
Band concerts in parks	1,165.00
Roads and walks	1,111.39
Nursery stock, bulbs and seeds	924.99
Park seats	654.54
Printing and advertising	100.04
Stationery	96.54
Miscellaneous	3,739.42
Purchase of land, Improvement Fund	5,071.38
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	\$56,345.24
Balance in City Treasury Dec. 31, 1903	26,099.78
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	\$82,445.02

DETAILED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS.

1	Park pay rolls	\$ 117.75
2	Park pay rolls	329.30
3	Park pay rolls	372.72
4	Park pay rolls	366.49
5	Salaries for January	450.00
6	Park pay rolls	300.40
7	Park pay rolls	313.56
8	Henry Ansell, fish	18.69
9	Egbert F. Ashley, insurance	10.00
10	H. H. Babcock & Co., coal	62.50
11	William Bartels, food for Zoo	11.40
12	A. E. Bourne, typewriting	10 50
13	H. B. Brown, disbursements	4.60
14	Burr & Starkweather, sleigh &c.	35.50
15	Clark & Fladd, coal	68.25
16	A. F. Colton, blacksmithing	20.45
17	Deininger Brothers, bread	2.81
18	Jas. A. Dicus & Co., park seat	4.50
19	C. E. Durgin, rice and vegetables	26.45
20	P. Fahy, meat	33.05
21	Estate Jas. Gorsline, feed	32.07
22	H. B. Graves, oil heater	11.00
23	Howe & Rogers Co., carpets &c.	15.55
24	Huther Bros., repairing tools	2.85
25	Irondequoit Coal & Supply Co., coal and feed	15.79
26	A. Jackson, books	1.85
27	J. Kavanaugh, manure	15.00
28	Krausneck & Yauchzi, plumbing	9.67
29	C. C. Laney, disbursements	8.74
30	Mathews & Boucher, blankets &c.	15.90
31	Estate Geo. C. Mauer, buckwheat &c.	17.33
32	W. C. Medcalf, vegetables &c.	5.83
33	W. H. Medcalf, disbursements	5.50
34	New York State Sewer Pipe Co., pipe	5.12
35	John F. Norton, blacksmithing	3.20
36	Rudolph Schmidt & Co., thermometers	28.50
37	Stoertz Brothers, boxes &c.	12.50
38	H. D. Stone Co., feed	27.68
39	M. O. Stone, disbursements	66.91
40	W. D. VandeWalle, plumbing	8.69
41	Webster & Albee, photographs	2.75
42	Whitmore, Rauber & Vicinus, cement	12.20
43	Park pay rolls	332.91
44	Park pay rolls	296.58

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45	Salaries for February	\$ 450.00
46	Park pay rolls	299.56
47	Park pay rolls	255.51
48	H. H. Babcock & Co., coal	14.95
49	Bell Telephone Co., telephone rental	20.50
50	H. T. Brown, disbursements	3.49
51	Robt. Calder, labor and material	7.38
52	H. G. Chapin, fish	10.78
53	Clark & Fladd, coal	52.00
54	Jas. C. Clements, insurance	15.00
55	A. F. Colton, blacksmithing	3.95
56	J. M. Dunn, manure	63.00
57	P. Fahy, meat	20.85
58	Chas. S. Gibbs, harness repairs	8.95
59	Jas. Gorsline Estate, feed	15.05
60	Geo. A. Knauss, blacksmithing	6.90
61	Krausneck & Yauchzi, labor and material	15.50
62	W. H. Medcalf, disbursements	3.95
63	Wm. B. Morse & Sons, lumber	97.10
64	J. B. Nellis & Co., moss &c.	12.50
65	C. M. Page, wall paper	3.80
66	J. K. Post & Co., drugs &c.	7.41
67	Post Express Printing Co., binding books	3.00
68	Rochester Gas & Electric Co., electric light	7.10
69	Rochester German Insurance Co., insurance	7.50
70	Rochester Telephone Co., telephone rental	7.50
71	M. O. Stone, disbursements	80.30
72	H. D. Stone Co., feed	71.53
73	H. C. Thiem, labor and material	8.39
74	Williamson Law Book Co., office supplies	31.81
75	Park pay rolls, March 14	246.94
76	Park pay rolls, March 21	300.13
77	Salaries for March	450.00
78	Park pay rolls, March 28	261.72
79	Barnard, Porter & Viall, paint &c.	66.04
80	Barr & Creelman, plumbing	128.52
81	H. F. Barton, peat	92.80
82	H. B. Brown, disbursements	13.00
83	H. T. Brown, disbursements	1.95
84	R. D. Button, ducks	6.00
85	J. Burkle, filling ice at Seneca Park	35.00
86	Chamberlain Rubber Store, rubber suit	2.55
87	H. G. Chapin, fish	8.82
88	H. A. Dreer, book	2.00
89	J. M. Dunn, manure	9.00
90	A. Faber Co., repairing buggy	2.30
91	P. Fahy, meat	17.40

92	Jas. Gorsline Estate, feed	\$ 19.10
93	J. M. Hallock, vegetables	3.30
94	Huther Bros., repairing tools	2.85
95	Estate Geo. C. Maurer, seed &c.	32.92
96	W. C. Medcalf, manure &c.	49.40
97	W. H. Medcalf, disbursements	3.35
98	Wm. B. Morse & Sons, lumber	37.12
99	Ocorr & Rugg Co., lumber	53.25
100	Rochester Gas & Electric Co., electric light	6.16
101	Rochester German Insurance Co., insurance	130.00
102	Rochester Herald Co., advertising	1.13
103	Rochester Printing Co., advertising and printing	30.95
104	M. Schlagel, net and fish	10.00
105	Scrantom, Wetmore & Co., books	34.75
106	M. O. Stone, disbursements	22.23
107	H. D. Stone Co., feed	74.96
108	Union Excavating Co., cleaning vaults	8.00
109	F. Zobel, oats	95.07
110	Deininger Bros., bread	15.60
111	Park pay rolls, April 4	316.94
112	Park pay rolls, April 11	524.21
113	Park pay rolls, April 18	582.59
114	Park pay rolls, April 25	928.06
115	Park pay rolls, May 2	1,023.04
116	Salaries for April	450.00
117	Egbert F. Ashley, insurance	6.00
118	H. C. Haartman, bulbs	238.00
119	Barnard, Porter & Viall, paint &c.	145.72
120	Bell Telephone Co, telephone rental	6.00
121	H. B. Brown, disbursements	7.85
122	H. T. Brown, disbursements	2.70
123	Burr & Starkweather, tools	11.00
124	H. G. Chapin, fish	15.05
125	Chamberlain Rubber Store, wagon apron	2.50
126	Clark & Fladd, coal	120.00
127	A. F. Colton, blacksmithing	15.60
128	W. A. Conklin, birds	6.00
129	C. E. Durgin, vegetables &c.	36.27
130	Jas. Fields Co., bases &c.	19.75
131	Geo. A. Gilman, hose	6.00
132	Jas. Gorsline Estate, feed	34.40
133	Edward Heal, mounting animals	37.00
134	Geo. Higgins, rubber tires &c.	42.50
135	A. Jackson, Books	1.30
136	Geo. W. Jennings, manure	9.00
137	Geo. A. Knauss, blacksmithing	6.90
138	Kron & Moore, repairing tools	8.50

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139	C. C. Laney, disbursements	\$ 11.58
140	Line & McLean, painting signs	11.95
141	Mathews & Boucher, sheep shearer &c.	20.60
142	Estate Geo. C. Maurer, seed &c.	19.00
143	W. H. Medcalf, disbursements	4.06
144	C. H. Morse & Son, badges &c	23.86
145	Wm. B. Morse, lumber	211.71
146	Geo. Moulson & Son, carrots	12.50
147	T. O'Connell, park seats &c.	312.50
148	J. S. Pardee, filling ice house	35.04
149	E. V. Ross, M. D., medical attendance at Zoo	10.00
150	Rochester Carting Co., carting and freight	34.97
151	Rochester Gas & Electric Co., lighting Zoo	5.69
152	Rochester German Insurance Co., insurance	20.00
153	John Schmidt, flower pots	9.80
154	Rudolph Schmidt & Co., thermometer charts	1.20
155	G. & C. Schminke, furniture	32.00
156	Stoertz Bros., beetles &c.	13.50
157	M. O. Stone, disbursements	117.17
158	H. D. Stone Co., feed	41.85
159	A. Tegg & Son, rent &c.	15.00
160	J. M. Thorburn, seeds	8.75
161	Jas. Vick's Sons, seeds	3.96
162	West Disinfecting Co., disinfectants	30.00
163	W. E. Woodbury & Co., boxes	2.40
164	Park pay rolls, May 9	867.52
165	Park pay rolls, May 16	880.00
166	Park pay rolls, May 23	839.24
167	Park pay rolls, May 30	680.47
168	Salaries for May	450.00
169	H. H. Babcock & Co., coal	3.15
170	Barnard, Porter & Viall, paint &c.	139.83
171	Wm. Bartels, bird food	19.30
172	Bell Telephone Co., poles &c.	48.90
173	H. T. Brown, disbursements	4.90
174	G. E. Bryant, bird cage	3.00
175	Geo. C. Buell & Co., salt	.95
176	A. H. Case & Co., manure	54.00
177	Chamberlain Rubber Store, base ball plates	23.15
178	H. G. Chapin, fish	5.82
179	W. A. Conklin, birds	7.50
180	Donals & Barton, horse board	33.75
181	H. A. Dreer, seeds &c.	79.25
182	John Dunbar, disbursements	11.95
183	C. E. Durgin, vegetables &c.	5.60
184	Louis Ernst & Sons, mowers	46.80
185	P. Fahy, meat	44.90

186	C. S. Gibbs, harness repairing &c.	\$ 9.40
187	Jas. Gorsline Estate, feed	40.50
188	H. P. Kelsey, nursery stock	49.35
189	Krausneck & Yauchzi, boiler &c.	39.90
190	C. C. Laney, disbursements	9.20
191	A. Lipson, fish	6.95
192	Lister Agricultural Works, fertilizers	6.50
193	Estate Geo. C. Maurer, seeds &c.	46.03
194	W. H. Medcalf, disbursements	4.30
195	R. M. Myers & Co., paper	5.23
196	C. H. Morse & Son, badges	7.50
197	Wm. H. Morse & Sons, lumber	161.73
198	T. O'Connell, park seats &c.	256.50
199	Rochester Brick & Tile Co., tile	15.00
200	Rochester Gas & Electric Co., lighting	2.97
201	Scrantom, Wetmore & Co., books &c.	8.50
202	M. O. Stone, disbursements	54.04
203	H. D. Stone Co., feed	89.83
204	H. C. Thiem, mason work	54.00
205	Vacuum Oil Works, barrels	5.25
206	John Walz, nursery stock	14.00
207	Anthony Waterer, nursery stock	168.18
208	Johnson Harvester Co., mower extras	31.59
209	Park pay rolls, June 6	747.36
210	Park pay rolls, June 13	626.99
211	Park pay rolls, June 20	750.63
212	Park pay rolls, June 27	742.97
213	Wm. Bartels, animals &c.	76.45
214	Bell Telephone Co., poles and labor	14.00
215	F. B. Callister, furnace &c.	156.52
216	A. F. Colton, blacksmithing	11.25
217	W. A. Conklin, birds	42.10
218	Robt. Calder, material and labor	46.48
219	Jas. C. Clements, insurance	67.00
220	John Connor & Son, ladders,	9.44
221	Christiansen Bros., tanks	18.00
222	H. N. Cowles, cement walks	192.54
223	Deininger Bros., bread	14.81
224	Donals & Barton, horse board	22.50
225	Louis Ernst & Sons, mower knives	3.90
226	W. T. Fox, plumbing &c.	80.39
227	Carl Goedertz, painting signs	9.50
228	Jas. Gorsline Estate, feed	30.64
229	C. F. Gaffney, repairing tools	4.80
230	J. B. Keller Sons, plants	68.70
231	Krausneck & Yauchzi, plumbing &c.	100.76
232	A. Lipson, fish	10.25

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233	W. H. Medcalf, disbursements	\$ 15.65
234	J. Fred Minges, concerts in parks	130.00
235	Wm. B. Morse & Sons, lumber	219.11
236	Chas. McClave, geese	7.00
237	New York State Sewer Pipe Co., pipe	183.34
238	Olmsted Bros., plans &c.	75.43
239	T. O'Connell, park seats	85.00
240	R. V. Garramone, band concerts	130.00
241	J. K. Post & Co., oil, drugs &c.	13.84
242	J. H. Roder, labor erecting fence	10.00
243	Louis Ruhe, animals and birds	146.00
244	Rochester Gas & Electric Co., lighting	1.82
245	E. V. Ross, M. D., medical attendance at Zoo	14.00
246	M. O. Stone, disbursements	30.52
247	Rudolph Schmidt & Co., electric lights	65.00
248	Stoertz Bros., Stakes &c.	17.71
249	Scrantom, Wetmore & Co., label holders &c.	11.40
250	Standard Oil Co., oil	12.08
251	Leon Stern, drawings and specifications	62.50
252	H. C. Thiem, labor and material	187.84
253	Salaries for June	475.00
254	Park pay rolls, July 4	622.47
255	Park pay rolls, July 11	934.65
256	Park pay rolls, July 18	768.68
257	Park pay rolls, July 25	815.08
258	Salaries for July	475.00
259	Park pay rolls, Aug. 1	653.45
260	Park pay rolls, Aug. 8	662.04
261	Barnard, Porter & Viall, paint &c.	99.05
262	Bell Telephone Co., telephone rental	14.50
263	H. T. Brown, disbursements	7.70
264	Wm. B. Burke, iron	14.49
265	Burr & Starkweather, tools	3.88
266	E. Dickert, horse collar	2.25
267	Donals & Barton, horse board	28.50
268	H. A. Dreer, seeds	11.25
269	Drew Allis Co., city directory	4.00
270	John Dunbar, disbursements	2.00
271	P. Fahy, meat	45.60
272	James Field Co., Ducking, &c.	57.82
273	R. V. Garramone, band concerts	130.00
274	W. H. Glenny & Co., dishes	2.50
275	Estate, Jas. Gorsline	75.08
276	E. F. Hawley, fallow deer	50.00
277	Huther Bros., repairing tools	1.20
278	Irondequoit Coal & Supply Co., feed	4.05
279	A. Jackson, books	1.05

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280	Geo. A. Knauss, blacksmithing	\$ 10.65
281	Kron & Moore, repairing mower	5.00
282	C. C. Laney, disbursements	31.00
283	Line & McLean, painting signs	6.35
284	A. Lipson, fish for Zoo	12.50
285	Estate Geo. C. Maurer, food for Zoo	50.34
286	W. H. Medcalf, disbursements	6.00
287	J. Fred Minges, band concerts	130.00
288	Wm. B. Morse & Sons, lumber	343.71
289	John F. Norton, blacksmithing	22.50
290	T. O'Connell, blacksmithing	11.75
291	J. Roach, manure	61.25
292	Rochester Gas & Electric Co., lighting	1.44
293	Rochester German Insurance Co., insurance	6.25
294	Rochester Lime Co., dynamite &c.	3.20
295	M. Schmidt, professional services	50.00
296	J. Schwalbach, gravel	3.80
297	B. H. Slavin, disbursements	12.55
298	Standard Electric Construction Co., repairs	1.09
299	M. O. Stone, disbursements	25.35
300	H. D. Stone Co., feed	149.93
301	A. Tegg & Son, rent &c.	42.50
302	Jas. Vick's Sons, seeds	4.11
303	Weaver, Palmer & Richmond, tools &c.	996.99
304	S. O. Weniger, repairing harness	1.30
305	Whitmore, Rauber & Vicinus, cement	8.10
306	Williamson Law Book Co., office supplies	34.95
307	W. G. Woodham, manure	5.25
308	J. J. Young, repairing mowers	7.00
309	H. H. Berger & Co., seeds	6.10
310	Indiana Road Machine Co., castings	4.25
311	Park pay rolls, Aug. 15	802.90
312	Park pay rolls, Aug. 22	736.64
313	Ellwanger & Barry, nursery stock	236.94
314	Park pay rolls, Aug. 29	526.98
315	Park pay rolls, Sept. 5	573.39
316	Salaries for August	475.00
317	O. M. Arnold, labor and material for fence	27.75
318	Egbert F. Ashley, insurance	20.00
319	Barnard, Porter & Viall, paint &c.	59.80
320	Bell Telephone Co., telephone rental	6.00
321	H. T. Brown, disbursements	5.95
322	Burke, FitzSimons, Hone & Co., netting &c.	9.80
323	R. Calder, conductor pipe &c.	74.47
324	Donals & Barton, horse board	22.50
325	John Dunbar, disbursements	3.05
326	C. E. Durgin, food for Zoo	13.04

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327	E. S. Ettenheimer & Co., badges	\$ 30.50
328	Jas. Field Co., swimming jackets	5.60
329	P. Fahy, meat	27.30
330	H. A. Field, Angora goats	20.00
331	General Crushed Stone Co., crushed stone	444.49
332	Jas. Gorsline Estate, feed	27.02
333	R. V. Garramone, band concerts	390.00
334	Geo. Higgins, repairing buggy	4.00
335	Geo. A. Knauss, blacksmithing	4.95
336	J. B. Keller Sons, plants	6.00
337	Chas. E. Kohlmetz, labor and material	61.95
338	Lehigh Valley Railway Co., freight on stone	412.24
339	A. Lipson, fish	12.50
340	J. Leader & Son, livery	34.00
341	C. C. Laney, disbursements	9.68
342	Line & McLean, painting signs	9.00
343	C. H. Morse & Sons, brass checks	1.25
344	Wm. B. Morse & Sons, lumber	67.28
345	Geo. C. Maurer Estate, food for Zoo	10.73
346	Mathews & Boucher, hardware	3.20
347	J. F. Minges, band concerts	255.00
348	W. H. Medcalf, disbursements	3 83
349	J. F. Norton, blacksmithing	4.80
350	J. K. Post & Co., drugs &c.	3.63
351	Phelps & Fletcher, lumber	260.48
352	Rochester Box & Lumber Co., sawdust	6.50
353	Rochester Printing Co., printing and material	21.65
354	G. D. Ramsdell, manure	6.00
355	Rochester Telephone Co., telephone rental	15.00
356	Rochester Gas & Electric Co., lighting	1.40
357	H. D. Stone Co., feed	55.70
358	Scrantom, Wetmore & Co., books &c.	11.59
359	Stoertz Bros., surveyor's stakes &c.	13.03
360	M. O. Stone, disbursements	76.88
361	Standard Electric Construction Co., labor	1.50
362	Union & Advertiser Co., printing	20.50
363	Jas. Vick's Sons, seeds	6.80
364	White Wire Works Co., surveyor's pins	.75
365	Williamson Law Book Co., office supplies	5.09
366	Whitmore, Rauber & Vicinus, monuments &c.	5.20
367	Park pay rolls, Sept. 12	112.28
368	Park pay rolls, Sept. 19	94.75
369	Park pay rolls, Sept. 26	113.75
370	Park pay rolls, Oct. 3	127.50
371	Salaries for September	475.00
372	Barnard, Porter & Viall, paint &c.	2.26
373	P. Barry, manure	17.50

374	H. T. Brown, disbursements	\$ 3.35
375	D. H. Burns, sprinkling	7.50
376	F. B. Callister, range	43.00
377	Deininger Bros., bread	24.22
378	Donals & Barton, horse board	22.50
379	H. A. Dreer, seeds	4.00
380	P. Fahy, meat	23.13
381	W. T. Fox, plumbing	5.50
382	Estate Jas. Gorsline, feed	27.86
383	E. Heal, mounting birds	8.00
384	Chas. E. Kohlmetz, labor and material	8.75
385	Krausneck & Yauchzi, plumbing	9.21
386	Kron & Moore, repairing tools	2.75
387	C. C. Laney, disbursements	12.27
388	A. Lipson, fish	13.75
389	W. H. Medcalf, disbursements	3.40
390	New York State Sewer Pipe Co., pipe	59.78
391	J. F. Norton, blacksmithing	7.20
392	J. Roach, manure	143.50
393	Rochester Carting Co., hoisting Manila gun	18.00
394	Rochester Gas & Electric Co., lighting	2.18
395	Rochester Printing Co., printing &c.	12.55
396	M. Schmidt, professional services	50.00
397	M. O Stone, disbursements	18.71
398	H. D. Stone Co., feed	13.75
399	A. G Tegg, rent of tool house &c.	15.00
400	Weaver, Palmer & Richmond, tools &c.	155.07
401	Whitmore, Rauber & Vicinus, steam rolling &c.	181.15
402	Williamson Law Book Co., office supplies	1.10
403	W. E. Woodbury & Co., boxes, soap &c.	9.80
404	Park pay rolls, Oct. 10	120.41
405	Park pay rolls, Oct. 17	110.25
406	Park pay rolls, Oct. 24	115.00
407	Park pay rolls, Oct. 31	125.89
408	Salaries for October	475.00
409	Barnard, Porter & Viall, paint &c.	2.00
410	W. Bartels, monkey, food &c.	50.82
411	Bell Telephone Co., telephone rental	4.95
412	J. C. Corbett, plate &c for Manila gun	54.25
413	C. Corbin, pasturing sheep	6.10
414	Donals & Barton, horse board	22.50
415	Drew Allis & Co., house directory	3.00
416	C. E. Durgin, vegetables &c.	8.40
417	Louis Ernst & Sons, mower extras	2.82
418	P. Fahy, meat	27.48
419	C. S. Gibbs, harness repairing	8.40
420	F. Gleason, moving election booths	37.80

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421	Gleichen Bros., nuts	\$ 3.00
422	W. H. Glenny & Co., dishes	1.71
423	Estate Jas. Gorsline, feed	37.43
424	E. F. Hawley, pasturing horse	8.75
425	E. F. Higgins, livery	2.00
426	International Harvester Co., mower extras	8.20
427	A. Jackson, books	1.30
428	Johnston Harvester Co., mower and extras	49.36
429	C. C. Laney, disbursements	9.39
430	A. Lipson, fish	12.40
431	Estate Geo. C. Maurer, food for Zoo	5.80
432	W. H. Medcalf, disbursements	5.40
433	New York State Sewer Pipe Co., pipe	10.25
434	J. F. Norton, blacksmithing	3.20
435	Ocorr & Rugg Co., hot bed sash &c.	24.40
436	C. H. Osborn, bread	4.06
437	T. O'Connell, repairing tools	3.25
438	C. M. Page, paper and paper hanging	27.40
439	Rochester Carting Co., duties, freight and carting	56.31
440	Rochester Gas & Electric Co., lighting	2.39
441	Rochester German Insurance Co., insurance	7.50
442	E. V. Ross, M. D., medical services at Zoo	12.00
443	Scrantom, Wetmore & Co., golf hole rims &c.	14.00
444	G. E. Simpson, livery	14.00
445	B. E. Slavin, disbursements	11.25
446	Smith Premier Typewriter Co., repairing	5.05
447	M. O. Stone, disbursements	22.45
448	H. D. Stone Co., feed	52.80
449	Stoertz Bros., stakes &c.	2.16
450	Jas. Vick's Sons, food for Zoo	1.70
451	Weaver, Palmer & Richmond, tools &c.	83.55
452	West Disinfecting Co., rent of machines	4.50
453	Mrs. J. Young, meals &c.	11.60
454	Park pay rolls, Nov. 7	134.78
455	Park pay rolls, Nov. 14	189.85
456	Park pay rolls, Nov. 21	200.10
457	Park pay rolls, Nov. 28	149.14
458	Salaries for November	475.00
459	S. B. Williams, city treas., Cr. Imp't Fd., (\$5,000)	
460	Park pay rolls, Dec. 5	148.56
461	Park pay rolls, Dec. 12	181.25
462	Egbert F. Ashley, insurance	14.00
463	Bell Telephone Co., telephone rental	20.50
464	Geo. C. Buell & Co., salt	3.80
465	Barnard, Porter & Viall, glass &c.	3.15
466	F. B. Callister, stoves &c.	54.45
467	Robt. Calder, repairing sink	3.19

468	Donals & Barton, horse board	\$ 13.50
469	Deiningers Bros., bread for Zoo	10.75
470	Evening Times, advertising	3.50
471	P. Fahy, meat	48.35
472	Estate Jas. Gorsline, feed	48.55
473	Irondequoit Coal & Supply Co., shavings	7.26
474	Krausneck & Yauchzi, plumbing &c.	9.90
475	A. Lipson, fish	13.65
476	Line & McLean, painting signs	3.40
477	C. C. Laney, disbursements	11.96
478	W. H. Medcalf, disbursements	3.70
479	Wm. B. Morse & Sons, lumber	49.72
480	Millington Sign Works, painting signs	4.00
481	Estate Geo. C. Maurer, feed for Zoo	37.31
482	J. B. Nellis & Co., moss and packing boxes	6.50
483	John F. Norton, blacksmithing	6.40
484	T. O'Connell, blacksmithing	22.74
485	Rochester Wire & Iron Fence Co., tree guards	8.00
486	Rochester Gas & Electric Co., lighting Zoo	3.37
487	Rochester Printing Co., advertising	6.76
488	Security Trust Co., wire netting	13.14
489	H. D. Stone Co., feed	46.70
490	M. O. Stone, disbursements,	34.36
491	A. Geo. Tegg, rent and medicine	13.50
492	Thos. Toogood, manure	6.00
493	The Frank VanDoorn Co., painting signs	7.56
494	Williamson Law Book Co., office supplies	7.00
495	Weaver, Palmer & Richmond, tools &c.	21.23
496	Park pay rolls, Dec. 19	188.26
497	Park pay rolls, Dec. 31	384.35
498	Salaries for November,	475.00
	Bell Telephone Co., telephone rental	10.00
	Rochester Telephone Co., telephone rental	7.50
	Rochester Gas & Electric Co., lighting	14.12

BOULEVARD FUND.

14	H. C. Thiem	\$ 15.66
15	Department Public Works	12.43
16	Pay roll, Apr. 4, 1903	55.25
17	Pay roll, Apr. 11, 1903	66.77
18	Pay roll, Apr. 18, 1903	79.09
19	Pay roll, Apr. 25, 1903	195.42
20	Pay roll, May 2, 1903	195.07
21	Department of Public Works	35.55
22	D. DeGarmo	6.00
23	Pay roll, May 9, 1903	293.00

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24	Pay roll, May 16, 1903	\$ 293.25
25	Pay roll, May 23, 1903	308.50
26	Pay roll, May 30, 1903	307.00
27	Burr & Starkweather	3.35
28	George A. Knauss	6.10
29	T. O'Connell	13.10
30	H. C. Thiem	237.60
31	Pay roll, June 6, 1903	395.19
32	Pay roll, June 13, 1903	218.59
33	Pay roll, June 20, 1903	434.45
34	Pay roll, June 27, 1903	244.75
35	Burr & Starkweather	12.75
36	T. O'Connell	23.15
37	Whitmore, Rauber & Vicinus	189.47
38	Pay roll, July 4, 1903	268.50
39	Pay roll, July 11, 1903	372.14
40	Pay roll, July 18, 1903	357.72
41	Pay roll, July 25, 1903	361.98
42	Pay roll, Aug. 1, 1903	379.98
43	Pay roll, Aug. 8, 1903	394.53
44	Pay roll, Aug. 15, 1903	209.97
45	Pay roll, Aug. 22, 1903	137.50
46	Burr & Starkweather	2.10
47	N. Y. State Sewer Pipe Co.	173.18
48	Rochester Vulcanite Pavement Co.	15.00
49	Pay roll, Aug. 29, 1903	42.76
50	Pay roll, Sept. 5, 1903	70.31
51	Pay roll, Sept. 12, 1903	83.50
52	Pay roll, Sept. 19, 1903	74.25
53	Pay roll, Sept. 26, 1903	80.38
54	Pay roll, Oct. 3, 1903	25.28
55	N. Y. State Sewer Pipe Co.	17.64
56	Whitmore, Rauber & Vicinus	66.47
57	Pay roll, Oct. 10, 1903	29.63
58	Pay roll, Oct. 17, 1903	25.50
59	Pay roll, Oct. 24, 1903	25.06
60	Pay roll, Oct. 31, 1903	25.50
61	Pay roll, Nov. 7, 1903	26.06
62	Pay roll, Nov. 14, 1903	26.38
63	Pay roll, Nov. 21, 1903	22.88
64	Pay roll, Nov. 28, 1903	15.00
65	Pay roll, Dec. 5, 1903	15.00
66	Pay roll, Dec. 12, 1903	15.00
67	Pay roll, Dec. 19, 1903	18.75
68	Pay roll, Dec. 31, 1903	25.00

IMPROVEMENT FUND.

27	Title & Guarantee Co., searches	.	.	.	\$	59.50
28	The Abstract Guarantee, searches	.	.	.		5.50
29	Chas. L. Hunt, County Clerk, recording &c.	.	.	.		6.38
30	Hunn & Ellwanger, Attorneys, purchase lands	.	.	.		5,000.00
	Ellwanger & Barry, property, Maple Grove and banks of river	.	.	.		
	Total	.	.	.		<hr/> \$56,345.24





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